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Session 1: Word List

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

portraiture

n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography

synonym: portrait, likeness, depiction

(1) **portraits** of famous people, (2) **portraiture** of landscapes

The artist's **portraiture** captured the essence of her subject's character.

generation

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

synonym: cohort, age group, era

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

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

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.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

precondition

n. a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

synonym: requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

(1) **precondition** agreement, (2) essential **precondition**

A peaceful environment is a **precondition** for meaningful negotiations.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

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.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

convinced

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

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

disadvantage

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

synonym: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

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.

narrative

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

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

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

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

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

journalist

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

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

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

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

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

resistance

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

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

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

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

cagey

adj. evasive or reluctant to be specific or give someone information

synonym : evasive, guarded, secretive

(1) a **cagey** boxer, (2) in a **cagey** manner

The older man was **cagey** about revealing the location of the treasure he had buried.

celebrity

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

synonym : figure, star, VIP

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

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

frost

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym : freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

agent

n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

synonym : representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

oral

adj. spoken, rather than written or sung; relating to the mouth or the act of speaking; transmitted by word of mouth

synonym: verbal, spoken, spoken-word

(1) **oral** evidence, (2) **oral** hygiene

The students were nervous about the upcoming **oral** exam but knew they had prepared well.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym: blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

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

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

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

claim

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

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

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

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

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

extraordinary

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

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

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

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

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

gruff

adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly

synonym : abrupt, rough, curt

(1) **gruff** voice, (2) **gruff** attitude

The **gruff** police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym : gather, congregate, collect

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

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

shuck

v. to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted

synonym : peel, husk, shell

(1) **shuck** peas, (2) **shuck** oysters

I had to **shuck** the corn before I could cook it for dinner.

justify

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to

defend or vindicate something as right or valid

synonym: validate, defend, support

(1) **justify** my beliefs, (2) **justify** your decision

The lawyer tried to **justify** his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.

awful

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

synonym: terrible, appalling, horrible

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

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

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

reprogram

v. to modify or recreate a program

synonym: recreate, modify, revamp

(1) **reprogram** a device, (2) **reprogram** a database

He **reprogrammed** the computer's operating system to remove the safeguard.

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**.

embarrass

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

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

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

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

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

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.

cocoon

n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates

synonym : chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**

The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning into a butterfly.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym : ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

playwright

n. a person who writes plays

synonym: dramatist, scribe, librettist

(1) acclaimed **playwright**, (2) a **playwright** attached to the theatre

The **playwright's** work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym: lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

editorial

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

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

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

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

vanity

n. excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements

synonym: conceit, egotism, self-importance

(1) out of **vanity**, (2) wounded **vanity**

His **vanity** prevented him from seeing his flaws.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned
Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

adore

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

synonym: cherish, worship, idolize

(1) truly **adore** him, (2) **adore** the way she styles her hair
Children seem to **adore** chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**
The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

preliminary

adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision

synonym: initial, preparatory, introductory

(1) **preliminary** investigation, (2) **preliminary** agreement
Before starting the project, we need to go through some **preliminary** research and planning.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

gown

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

synonym: dress, robe, garment

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

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

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym: advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

stonewall

v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision

synonym: obstruct, block, impede

(1) **stonewall** the investigation, (2) **stonewall** their attempts

The government **stonewalled** the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.

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.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

moderate

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

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

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

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

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

onstage

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

(1) appeared **onstage**, (2) walk **onstage**

He performed his magic trick **onstage**, leaving the audience in awe.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym :

opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

actress

n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

synonym: performer, player, star

(1) an **actress** of real quality, (2) a well-known **actress**

The acclaimed **actress** received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

upstage

v. to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage

synonym: outdo, overshadow, eclipse

(1) **upstage** a co-star, (2) move **upstage**

The musician's incredible solo momentarily **upstaged** the lead singer.

wither

v. to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor

synonym : fade, wilt, shrivel

(1) **wither** corporate management, (2) **wither** in the heat

The flowers in the garden began to **wither** due to lack of water.

contempt

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

synonym : scorn, disdain, disrespect

(1) display **contempt**, (2) below **contempt**

The defendant's **contempt** for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym : grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

tribute

n. a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

synonym : honor, accolade, recognition

(1) pay **tribute**, (2) **tribute** album

The statue was built as a **tribute** to the soldiers who died in the war.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy
This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

tumor

n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

synonym : neoplasm, mass, lump

(1) **tumor** growth, (2) **tumor** at remote sites

The patient was diagnosed with a **tumor** in her lung.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

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

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

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym : valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

passee

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

compose

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

synonym : compile, constitute, build

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

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

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

affectionate

adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

synonym: loving, tender, fond

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

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

sob

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

synonym: cry, weep, wail

(1) **sob** out a story, (2) **sob** quietly

She **sobbed** uncontrollably after hearing the news.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time **constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

biographer

n. a person who writes the story of another person

synonym: writer, historian, author

(1) **biographer** of a famous person, (2) **biographer's** research

The respected **biographer** spent several years researching and writing the famous person's life story.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

biography

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

synonym: bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**

This is a well-recorded **biography**.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

inclusion

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

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym: articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

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.

confrontation

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

synonym: face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

abrasive

adj. causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner

synonym : rough, scratchy, grating

(1) **abrasive** personality, (2) **abrasive** material

Using an **abrasive** cleaner on delicate surfaces can cause permanent damage.

courtly

adj. characterized by refined behavior, elegance, and politeness, typically associated with a royal or noble court; exhibiting or practicing chivalry, courtesy, and gracious manners

synonym : polite, gracious, elegant

(1) **courtly** manners, (2) **courtly** dance

The princess greeted her guests with a **courtly** bow and elegant manners.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness

in getting caught.

cruel

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

synonym: heartless, sadistic, vicious

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

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

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

apartment

n. a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

synonym: flat, dwelling, unit

(1) rented **apartment**, (2) furnished **apartment**

I am seeking a spacious **apartment** with a balcony and a parking spot.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

rambling

adj. disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

synonym: disorganized, incoherent, sprawling

(1) **rambling** speech, (2) **rambling** narrative

The hiking trail was a long and **rambling** route through the mountains.

askew

adv. crooked, tilted, or not aligned in the proper or expected way; in a twisted or off-center manner

synonym: crookedly, skewed, awry

(1) tilted **askew**, (2) crooked **askew**

The picture frame was hung **askew** on the wall, which bothered her sense of symmetry.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

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.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

synonym: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**

That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my

grandmother.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym : submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

memento

n. an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir

synonym : souvenir, keepsake, reminder

(1) symbolic **memento**, (2) a small **memento**

The photo album was filled with **mementos** from their trip around the world.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

wheelchair

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

(1) electric-powered **wheelchair**, (2) **wheelchair** accessibility

This library rents out various types of folding **wheelchairs** for visitors.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow
We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

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

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble
That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
synonym: attack, raid, attempt

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**
We got caught up in an **assault** case.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
synonym: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**
He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
synonym: adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**
In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

ballet

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

thrill

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

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

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

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

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

truthful

adj. honest and telling the truth

synonym: honest, sincere, accurate

(1) **truthful** statement, (2) **truthful** person

She was **truthful** in her testimony, despite the pressure to lie.

commend

v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust

or hand over something to someone else

synonym : praise, applaud, compliment

(1) **commend** a job well done, (2) **commend** him for his bravery

The coach **commended** the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____y dance *adj.* characterized by refined behavior, elegance, and politeness, typically associated with a royal or noble court; exhibiting or practicing chivalry, courtesy, and gracious manners
2. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
3. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
4. interstate co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
5. job pr____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
6. res____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
7. a China-based jou____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 1. courtly, 2. critic, 3. tap, 4. commerce, 5. prospect, 6. resistance, 7. journalist

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| 8. as_____le your colleagues | <i>v.</i> to collect in one place as a single group |
| 9. hold your br____h | <i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs |
| 10. ju_____y my beliefs | <i>v.</i> to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid |
| 11. pr_____d with caution | <i>v.</i> to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress |
| 12. the evidence of the pr_____ce | <i>n.</i> the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present |
| 13. br____h of wind | <i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs |
| 14. ent_____ed ideas | <i>adj.</i> established firmly and securely |
| 15. tr_____e album | <i>n.</i> a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity |
| 16. re_____ed to their fate | <i>adj.</i> having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances |
| 17. co_____e my thoughts | <i>v.</i> to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it |

ANSWERS: 8. assemble, 9. breath, 10. justify, 11. proceed, 12. presence, 13. breath, 14. entrenched, 15. tribute, 16. resigned, 17. compose

18. tilted as __w *adv.* crooked, tilted, or not aligned in the proper or expected way; in a twisted or off-center manner
19. 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
20. hour of ent _____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
21. wi ___r in the heat *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
22. vi _____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
23. en _____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
24. pa __e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
25. pos _____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
26. cr __l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
27. the gen _____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 18. askew, 19. notion, 20. entertainment, 21. wither, 22. virtually, 23. encounter, 24. pause, 25. possession, 26. cruel, 27. generation

28. co_____d him for his bravery *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
29. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
30. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
31. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
32. ad__e the way she styles her hair *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence
33. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
34. co_____y manners *adj.* characterized by refined behavior, elegance, and politeness, typically associated with a royal or noble court; exhibiting or practicing chivalry, courtesy, and gracious manners
35. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
36. ra_____ng speech *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

ANSWERS: 28. commend, 29. extraordinary, 30. spectacular, 31. advantage, 32. adore, 33. congressperson, 34. courtly, 35. remarkable, 36. rambling

37. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
38. furnished ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
39. tr_____ul person *adj.* honest and telling the truth
40. nice fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
41. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
42. only a mo____t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
43. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
44. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
45. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
46. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 37. childhood, 38. apartment, 39. truthful, 40. fellow, 41. decision, 42. modest, 43. dedicate, 44. obvious, 45. secondly, 46. surround

47. wi___r corporate management *v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
48. por_____re of landscapes *n.* the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
49. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
50. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
51. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
52. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
53. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
54. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
55. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
56. ce_____ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
57. re_____am a database *v.* to modify or recreate a program

ANSWERS: 47. wither, 48. portraiture, 49. satisfy, 50. extraordinary, 51. compose, 52. absolutely, 53. competitor, 54. relation, 55. encounter, 56. celebrity, 57. reprogram

58. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
59. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
60. gr__f voice *adj.* rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
61. a signal of di_____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
62. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
63. pay tr_____e *n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity
64. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
65. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

ANSWERS: 58. obsess, 59. stroke, 60. gruff, 61. distress, 62. claim, 63. tribute, 64. ordinary, 65. accent

66. or____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
67. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
68. gr__f attitude *adj.* rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly
69. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
70. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
71. co____y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
72. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
73. au____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

ANSWERS: 66. ordinary, 67. unthinkable, 68. gruff, 69. comedy, 70. phenomenal, 71. comedy, 72. barrier, 73. audacity

74. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
75. por_____res of famous people *n.* the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography
76. electric-powered whe_____ir *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
77. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
78. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
79. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
80. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
81. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
82. the onset of pu_____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
83. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
84. racial or_____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
85. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 74. probable, 75. portraiture, 76. wheelchair, 77. absolutely, 78. characteristic, 79. devastating, 80. context, 81. constraint, 82. puberty, 83. transform, 84. origin, 85. brain

86. tr____ul statement *adj.* honest and telling the truth
87. ba____t lessons *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
88. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
89. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
90. mo_____te risk *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
91. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
92. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
93. high vo____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
94. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
95. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
96. di____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
97. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 86. truthful, 87. ballet, 88. disappoint, 89. weird, 90. moderate, 91. wrestling, 92. convinced, 93. volume, 94. weird, 95. constraint, 96. dismiss, 97. critic

98. bio_____er of a famous person *n.* a person who writes the story of another person
99. bi_____hy of an actor *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
100. a pla_____ht attached to the theatre *n.* a person who writes plays
101. five degrees of fr__t *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
102. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
103. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
104. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
105. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
106. pre_____ry agreement *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
107. move up_____e *v.* to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage

ANSWERS: 98. biographer, 99. biography, 100. playwright, 101. frost, 102. charity, 103. dismiss, 104. inherit, 105. incidentally, 106. preliminary, 107. upstage

108. a judge's g__n *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
109. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
110. medical bi_____hy *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
111. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
112. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
113. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
114. tu__r at remote sites *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
115. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
116. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

ANSWERS: 108. gown, 109. dedicate, 110. biography, 111. agent, 112. nation, 113. delight, 114. tumor, 115. unbelievable, 116. forth

117. g__n for the prom *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
118. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
119. pr____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
120. co___n silk *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
121. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
122. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
123. in a ca__y manner *adj.* evasive or reluctant to be specific or give someone information
124. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
125. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
126. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
127. an ac_____s of real quality *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
128. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

ANSWERS: 117. gown, 118. ugly, 119. propose, 120. cocoon, 121. wrestling, 122. politically, 123. cagey, 124. entertainment, 125. competitor, 126. determinant, 127. actress, 128. aggressive

129. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
130. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
131. mo____t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
132. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
133. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
134. wounded va____y *n.* excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements
135. ab_____ve material *adj.* causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner
136. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
137. bio_____er's research *n.* a person who writes the story of another person
138. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
139. ra_____ng narrative *adj.* disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

ANSWERS: 129. editorial, 130. proceed, 131. modest, 132. accident, 133. resistance, 134. vanity, 135. abrasive, 136. surround, 137. biographer, 138. virtually, 139. rambling

140. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
141. ju_____y your decision *v.* to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
142. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
143. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
144. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
145. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
146. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
147. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
148. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 140. convinced, 141. justify, 142. characteristic, 143. relate, 144. individual, 145. refer, 146. journalist, 147. volume, 148. editorial

149. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
150. tu__r growth *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
151. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
152. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
153. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
154. st_____ll the investigation *v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision
155. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
156. a divine rev_____on *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
157. walk on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
158. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
159. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 149. conversation, 150. tumor, 151. unthinkable, 152. narrative, 153. interrogate, 154. stonewall, 155. shell, 156. revelation, 157. onstage, 158. horrible, 159. privilege

160. his majestic pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
161. a dried co___n *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
162. a well-known ac____s *n.* a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies
163. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
164. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
165. pol____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
166. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
167. a territorial pos____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
168. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
169. sh__k peas *v.* to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted
170. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 160. presence, 161. cocoon, 162. actress, 163. suppose, 164. empathy, 165. politically, 166. refer, 167. possession, 168. tap, 169. shuck, 170. strike

171. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
172. a small me_____o *n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
173. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
174. mo_____te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
175. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
176. o__l evidence *adj.* spoken, rather than written or sung; relating to the mouth or the act of speaking; transmitted by word of mouth
177. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
178. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
179. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
180. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
181. baseball ce_____ty *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

ANSWERS: 171. individual, 172. memento, 173. embarrass, 174. moderate, 175. awful, 176. oral, 177. awful, 178. congressperson, 179. nation, 180. resigned, 181. celebrity

182. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
183. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
184. s_b quietly *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
185. sh__k oysters *v.* to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted
186. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
187. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
188. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
189. bu___r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
190. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
191. co____d a job well done *v.* to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else

ANSWERS: 182. pause, 183. involve, 184. sob, 185. shuck, 186. conversation, 187. spectacular, 188. suppose, 189. butler, 190. passe, 191. commend

192. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
193. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
194. at the height of pu_____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
195. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
196. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
197. up_____e a co-star *v.* to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage
198. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
199. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
200. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

ANSWERS: 192. privilege, 193. obvious, 194. puberty, 195. propose, 196. obsess, 197. upstage, 198. secondly, 199. portrait, 200. occasion

201. pre_____ry investigation *adj.* serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
202. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
203. whe_____ir accessibility *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
204. essential pre_____ion *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
205. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
206. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
207. act of au_____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
208. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
209. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

ANSWERS: 201. preliminary, 202. process, 203. wheelchair, 204. precondition, 205. shell, 206. decision, 207. audacity, 208. subsequent, 209. satisfy

210. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
211. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
212. violent con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
213. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
214. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
215. fr__t line *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
216. ab_____ve personality *adj.* causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner
217. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
218. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
219. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
220. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 210. narrative, 211. fellow, 212. confrontation, 213. arbitrary, 214. intellect, 215. frost, 216. abrasive, 217. quest, 218. invite, 219. horrible, 220. silent

221. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
222. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
223. a foreign ac____t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
224. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
225. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
226. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
227. verbal con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
228. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
229. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
230. st_____ll their attempts *v.* to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision

ANSWERS: 221. brilliant, 222. invite, 223. accent, 224. remarkable, 225. intellect, 226. quest, 227. confrontation, 228. revelation, 229. unbelievable, 230. stonewall

231. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
232. ask ch____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
233. un____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
234. crooked as__w *adv.* crooked, tilted, or not aligned in the proper or expected way; in a twisted or off-center manner
235. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
236. emotional di____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
237. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
238. app____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
239. aff____ate relationship *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
240. ch____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child

ANSWERS: 231. strike, 232. charity, 233. uncover, 234. askew, 235. involve, 236. distress, 237. brain, 238. apparently, 239. affectionate, 240. childhood

241. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
242. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
243. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
244. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
245. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
246. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
247. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
248. symbolic me_____o *n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
249. a ba____t enthusiast *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
250. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
251. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
252. below co_____pt *n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

ANSWERS: 241. assemble, 242. disappoint, 243. essentially, 244. incidentally, 245. determinant, 246. decide, 247. relation, 248. memento, 249. ballet, 250. transform, 251. interrogate, 252. contempt

253. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
254. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
255. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
256. as____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
257. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
258. display co____pt *n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
259. out of va___y *n.* excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements
260. a glad oc____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
261. ent_____ed positions *adj.* established firmly and securely

ANSWERS: 253. barrier, 254. claim, 255. thrill, 256. assault, 257. apparently, 258. contempt, 259. vanity, 260. occasion, 261. entrenched

262. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
263. appeared on_____e *adv.* onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience
264. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
265. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
266. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
267. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
268. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
269. the dis_____age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
270. household bu_____r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
271. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 262. decide, 263. onstage, 264. commerce, 265. devastating, 266. prospect, 267. literally, 268. uncover, 269. disadvantage, 270. butler, 271. context

272. ar_____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
273. re_____am a device *v.* to modify or recreate a program
274. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
275. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
276. pre_____ion agreement *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
277. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
278. dis_____age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
279. acclaimed pla_____ht *n.* a person who writes plays
280. cho_____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
281. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
282. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
283. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 272. arbitrary, 273. reprogram, 274. senator, 275. probable, 276. precondition, 277. aggressive, 278. disadvantage, 279. playwright, 280. choreographer, 281. relate, 282. empathy, 283. amazing

284. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
285. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
286. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
287. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
288. victim of sexual as____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
289. at____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
290. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
291. reduce sub_____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
292. po____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 284. passe, 285. origin, 286. process, 287. generation, 288. assault, 289. attract, 290. accident, 291. subsequent, 292. portrait

293. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
294. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
295. score an ad____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
296. s_b out a story *v.* to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds
297. 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
298. se____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
299. a ca__y boxer *adj.* evasive or reluctant to be specific or give someone information
300. em____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
301. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
302. ess____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
303. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

ANSWERS: 293. amazing, 294. attract, 295. advantage, 296. sob, 297. notion, 298. senator, 299. cagey, 300. embarrass, 301. cruel, 302. essentially, 303. forth

304. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
305. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
306. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
307. aff____ate kiss *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
308. translate li____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
309. the th___l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
310. rented ap____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
311. o__l hygiene *adj.* spoken, rather than written or sung; relating to the mouth or the act of speaking; transmitted by word of mouth
312. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 304. ugly, 305. delight, 306. stroke, 307. affectionate, 308. literally, 309. thrill, 310. apartment, 311. oral, 312. inherit

313. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
314. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
315. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
316. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
317. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
318. truly ad__e him *v.* to have a deep love and admiration for someone or something; to regard with great affection and reverence

ANSWERS: 313. brilliant, 314. agent, 315. phenomenal, 316. silent, 317. choreograph, 318. adore

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.
adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
2. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
3. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
4. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
5. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.
n. the state or fact of owning or having something
6. The respected _____ spent several years researching and writing the famous person's life story.
n. a person who writes the story of another person
7. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
8. The photo album was filled with _____ from their trip around the world.
n. an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir

ANSWERS: 1. unbelievable, 2. refer, 3. fellow, 4. wrestling, 5. possession, 6. biographer, 7. suppose, 8. mementos

9. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
10. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
11. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
12. She was _____ in her testimony, despite the pressure to lie.
adj. honest and telling the truth
13. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer
n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
14. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
15. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
16. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
17. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 9. narrative, 10. uncovered, 11. horrible, 12. truthful, 13. ballet, 14. presence, 15. satisfy, 16. constraint, 17. weird

18. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

19. He had a _____ understanding of the topic but needed further research.

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

20. Children seem to _____ chocolate ice cream no matter where they're from.

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

21. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

22. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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

23. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

24. This is a well-recorded _____.

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

25. She looked stunning in her long, flowing _____ at the formal event.

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

ANSWERS: 18. literally, 19. moderate, 20. adore, 21. interrogate, 22. determinant, 23. shell, 24. biography, 25. gown

26. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

27. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

28. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

29. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

30. To expand the company, we must _____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

31. The defendant's _____ for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

32. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

33. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

ANSWERS: 26. brilliant, 27. claim, 28. delight, 29. apparently, 30. tap, 31. contempt, 32. competitors, 33. choreographed

34. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.
adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
35. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
36. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
37. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
38. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
39. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
40. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
41. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 34. resigned, 35. encounter, 36. awful, 37. quest, 38. conversation, 39. privilege, 40. remarkable, 41. surround

42. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
43. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
44. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.
adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
45. Before starting the project, we need to go through some _____ research and planning.
adj. serving as a preparation for something more important or extensive; introductory; taking place before the main event or decision
46. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
47. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.
n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
48. The _____ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.
n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

ANSWERS: 42. attract, 43. context, 44. arbitrary, 45. preliminary, 46. entertainment, 47. agent, 48. confrontation

49. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

50. I had to _____ the corn before I could cook it for dinner.

- v.* to remove the shell or outer covering of something, such as a corn or an oyster; to discard or get rid of something, particularly something that is seen as useless or unwanted

51. The _____ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

- n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

52. The princess greeted her guests with a _____ bow and elegant manners.

- adj.* characterized by refined behavior, elegance, and politeness, typically associated with a royal or noble court; exhibiting or practicing chivalry, courtesy, and gracious manners

53. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.

- adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

54. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

- adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else

55. 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

56. The musician's incredible solo momentarily _____ the lead singer.

- v.* to distract attention from someone or something else, often intentionally; to move upstage in a theater, away from the audience, thus taking a more prominent position on the stage; (adverb) at or toward the rear of the stage

ANSWERS: 49. brain, 50. shuck, 51. frost, 52. courtly, 53. phenomenal, 54. subsequent, 55. passe, 56. upstaged

57. The picture frame was hung _____ on the wall, which bothered her sense of symmetry.

adv. crooked, tilted, or not aligned in the proper or expected way; in a twisted or off-center manner

58. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

60. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

61. The lawyer tried to _____ his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid

62. The government _____ the opposition party's efforts to access information about the project.

v. to refuse to answer questions or provide information; to delay discussion or decision

63. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

64. The president began to _____ an army.

v. to collect in one place as a single group

ANSWERS: 57. askew, 58. inherited, 59. absolutely, 60. invite, 61. justify, 62. stonewalled, 63. obsessed, 64. assemble

65. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.

- n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

66. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

67. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.

- v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

68. The monarch exploited the peasants using its _____ power.

- adj.* established firmly and securely

69. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

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

70. I am seeking a spacious _____ with a balcony and a parking spot.

- n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

71. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

72. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

ANSWERS: 65. comedy, 66. advantages, 67. disappoint, 68. entrenched, 69. embarrass, 70. apartment, 71. involves, 72. extraordinary

73. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
74. A peaceful environment is a _____ for meaningful negotiations.
n. a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
75. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.
n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
76. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
77. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
78. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
79. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
80. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.
n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

ANSWERS: 73. unthinkable, 74. precondition, 75. butler, 76. Essentially, 77. ordinary, 78. generation, 79. editorial, 80. distress

81. The students were nervous about the upcoming _____ exam but knew they had prepared well.
adj. spoken, rather than written or sung; relating to the mouth or the act of speaking; transmitted by word of mouth
82. The structure is _____ of three main components.
v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
83. The popularity of the show made her an instant _____.
n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
84. He _____ the computer's operating system to remove the safeguard.
v. to modify or recreate a program
85. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
86. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
87. Using an _____ cleaner on delicate surfaces can cause permanent damage.
adj. causing irritation, rubbing, or friction, especially upon the skin; rough to the touch; harsh and unkind in manner
88. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 81. oral, 82. composed, 83. celebrity, 84. reprogrammed, 85. propose, 86. dedicated, 87. abrasive, 88. secondly,

89. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
90. We got caught up in an _____ case.
n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
91. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
92. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
93. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
94. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
adv. almost completely
95. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.
v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
96. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
97. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 89. intellect, 90. assault, 91. individual, 92. critics, 93. transformed, 94. Virtually, 95. proceed, 96. breath, 97. silent

98. The older man was _____ about revealing the location of the treasure he had buried.
adj. evasive or reluctant to be specific or give someone information
99. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ in her lung.
n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
100. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
101. The coach _____ the team for fighting until the end and never giving up.
v. to praise or express approval of someone or something; to recommend someone for a job or position; to entrust or hand over something to someone else
102. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
103. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
104. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

ANSWERS: 98. cagey, 99. tumor, 100. thrill, 101. commended, 102. nation, 103. dismiss, 104. prospect

105. The ____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

106. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

107. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

108. The caterpillar spins a _____ around itself before turning into a butterfly.

n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates

109. _____ is also necessary to understand history.

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

110. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

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

111. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

112. The elderly couple always stayed _____ towards each other throughout their marriage.

adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

ANSWERS: 105. ugly, 106. amazing, 107. relate, 108. cocoon, 109. Empathy, 110. convinced, 111. revelation, 112. affectionate

113. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
114. 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
115. The flowers in the garden began to _____ due to lack of water.
- v.* to gradually shrink, shrivel, or become weaker, often due to lack of nourishment, age, or disease; to lose freshness, vitality, or vigor
116. She wore her best dress for the special _____.
- n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
117. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
118. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
- adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
119. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 113. resistance, 114. notion, 115. wither, 116. occasion, 117. spectacular, 118. politically, 119. process

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

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

121. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

122. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

123. The hiking trail was a long and _____ route through the mountains.

adj. disorganized and lacking in structure or coherence; using many words to express an idea or thought in a way that lacks clarity or focus

124. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

125. His _____ prevented him from seeing his flaws.

n. excessive pride in or admiration of one's appearance or achievements

126. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

127. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 120. journalists, 121. decide, 122. charity, 123. rambling, 124. accident, 125. vanity, 126. barrier, 127. origin

128. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

129. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

130. The _____ police officer intimidated the suspect with his stern demeanor.

adj. rough or abrasive in manner or speech, especially with an air of impatience or annoyance; abrupt or blunt in a manner that could be seen as brusque or unfriendly

131. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

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

132. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

133. She has a thick southern _____.

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

134. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

135. The artist's _____ captured the essence of her subject's character.

n. the art or practice of creating portraits or likenesses of people, especially through painting, drawing, or photography

ANSWERS: 128. characteristic, 129. paused, 130. gruff, 131. cruel, 132. audacity, 133. accent, 134. stroke, 135. portraiture

136. She _____ uncontrollably after hearing the news.

v. to cry or weep with short, sudden sounds

137. The _____ work was praised by critics and audiences alike.

n. a person who writes plays

138. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

139. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

140. In this culture, men are initiated when they reach _____.

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

141. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

142. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

143. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.

n. the state or time of being a child

144. A lack of education can be a significant _____ in today's job market.

n. a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

ANSWERS: 136. sobbed, 137. playwright's, 138. volume, 139. portrait, 140. puberty, 141. relations, 142. senator, 143. childhood, 144. disadvantage

145. The acclaimed _____ received an Oscar for her outstanding performance in the film.

n. a female actor, particularly in the theater or movies

146. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

147. He performed his magic trick _____ leaving the audience in awe.

adv. onto or on a stage in a theater; in front of an audience

148. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

149. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

150. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

151. The term of a _____ is two years.

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

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

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

ANSWERS: 145. actress, 146. modest, 147. onstage, 148. obvious, 149. probable, 150. devastating, 151. congressperson, 152. forth

153. This library rents out various types of folding _____ for visitors.

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

154. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

155. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

156. _____ I know the answer to that question.

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

157. The statue was built as a _____ to the soldiers who died in the war.

n. a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

158. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

159. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

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

ANSWERS: 153. wheelchairs, 154. decision, 155. aggressive, 156. Incidentally, 157. tribute, 158. strike, 159. commerce