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Session 1: Word List

ethnography

n. the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study

synonym : anthropology, cultural analysis

(1) **ethnography** research, (2) **ethnography** methods

The book is a rich and detailed **ethnography** of the cultural practices of a group of people.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

jaguar

n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

synonym : cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**

Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

shaman

n. a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

synonym : medicine man, healer, spiritual leader

(1) **shaman's** wisdom, (2) the tribe's **shaman**

The village **shaman** performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

lineage

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

synonym : ancestry, descent, heritage

(1) maternal **lineage**, (2) **lineage** tree

Scientists traced the **lineage** of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym : ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood

The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

inexorable

adj. describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect

synonym : relentless, implacable, unyielding

(1) **inexorable** decline, (2) **inexorable** force

His **inexorable** determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym : rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

voodoo

n. a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

synonym : magic, sorcery, hoodoo

(1) **voodoo** curse, (2) **voodoo** doll

Some people believe in the power of **voodoo** to heal or harm others.

acolyte

n. an assistant or follower who performs minor tasks or assists a person of higher status, often in religious or ceremonial contexts; a devoted supporter or disciple

synonym : follower, disciple, assistant

(1) devoted **acolyte**, (2) loyal **acolyte**

The leader's speech resonated well with his **acolyte** group who echoed his sentiments.

Andean

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Andes mountain range, which spans several South American countries, such as Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador

(1) **Andean** region, (2) **Andean** culture

We embarked on an **Andean** adventure, exploring the breathtaking landscapes of the South American mountains.

caravanserai

n. a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods

synonym : inn, hostel, hotel

(1) the architecture of the **caravanserai**, (2) the ruins of the old **caravanserai**

The grand **caravanserai** symbolized wealth and power for the ruling dynasty.

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.

yak

v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

synonym : chatter, cackle

(1) domestic **yak**, (2) sit and **yak** about life

The friends met at the local pub every Friday to **yak** about their week.

herder

n. a person who takes care of and manages a herd of livestock, such as cows, sheep, or goats

synonym : shepherd, rancher, drover

(1) cattle **herder**, (2) seminomadic **herders**

The sheep **herder** led his flock through the hills, keeping a watchful eye on them at all times.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym : position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient**
She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug
The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

biosphere

n. the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms

synonym: ecosphere, ecospace, ecosystem

(1) terrestrial **biosphere**, (2) artificial **biosphere**

The balance of the **biosphere** is crucial for the survival of species.

ethnology

n. an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them

(1) regional **ethnology**, (2) museum of **ethnology**

Recently, some anthropologists conducted an interesting comparative study in **ethnology**.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

inquisitive

adj. curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy

synonym : curious, inquiring, nosy

(1) **inquisitive** mind, (2) **inquisitive** researcher

The **inquisitive** child asked endless questions about the world around her.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym : wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

scarcely

adv. hardly or almost not; only just

synonym: barely, narrowly, hardly

(1) **scarcely** readable, (2) **scarcely** any interest in public
We **scarcely** ever used AEDs.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

ancestor

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

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**
My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym: terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

plight

n. a difficult or unfortunate situation

synonym: crisis, predicament, trouble

(1) miserable **plight**, (2) the **plight** of the poor

The government has ignored the **plight** of the homeless population.

syllable

n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

Cantonese

n. a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;

synonym : Chinese dialect, Guangdong dialect, Yue dialect

(1) **Cantonese-style** roast duck, (2) **Cantonese** dialect

She took **Cantonese** classes to communicate better with her Chinese colleagues.

anaconda

n. a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey

synonym : snake, serpent, python

(1) **anaconda** habitat, (2) giant **anaconda**

We encountered an enormous **anaconda** while exploring the Amazon rainforest.

equate

v. to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous

synonym : associate, liken, relate

(1) **equate** mistakes with failure, (2) **equate** to legal responsibility

It isn't very reasonable to **equate** money with happiness.

exogamy

n. the custom or practice of marrying outside of one's own social, cultural, or ethnic group; the requirement or preference for individuals to marry someone from a different lineage or community

synonym : intermarriage, outmarriage

(1) cultural **exogamy**, (2) linguistic **exogamy**

The tribe's practice of **exogamy** ensured genetic diversity within the population.

intermarriage

n. the act or practice of marrying someone from a different racial, ethnic, social, or religious group; the union or marriage between individuals from different backgrounds or communities

synonym : interracial marriage, cross-cultural marriage

(1) **intermarriage** taboos, (2) economic **intermarriage**
Historians believe that **intermarriage** practices played a significant role in fostering peace between rival clans.

glossy

adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

synonym: shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym: javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym: stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

perspicacious

adj. having a keen insight or understanding; mentally sharp; perceptive; characterized by the ability to discern and understand things clearly

synonym : perceptive, insightful, keen

(1) **perspicacious** viewpoint, (2) **perspicacious** analysis
Her **perspicacious** observations helped solve the complex problem.

infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

synonym : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community
The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

metaphysics

n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**
Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

distillation

n. the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something

synonym : distilling, extracting, purification

(1) steam **distillation**, (2) alcohol **distillation**

The process of **distillation** is used to purify water and other substances.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym : scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

momentary

adj. lasting for only a brief moment or an extremely short period of time; occurring momentarily

synonym : fleeting, temporary, brief

(1) **momentary** pause, (2) **momentary** distraction

The **momentary** lapse in concentration caused her to miss the crucial shot.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

trance

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

synonym :

stupor, hypnosis, daydreaming

(1) **trance** state, (2) meditative **trance**

The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a **trance**.

ember

n. a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed

synonym: spark, glow, cinder

(1) smoldering **ember**, (2) red-hot **ember**

The warm **ember** from the fireplace glowed brightly.

impunity

n. exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability

synonym: immunity, exemption

(1) act with **impunity**, (2) enjoy **impunity**

The criminal was able to escape with **impunity**, despite committing multiple offenses.

excitation

n. the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something

synonym: stimulation, arousal, provocation

(1) the crowd's **excitation**, (2) neuronal **excitation**

The **excitation** energy of the electron determines the wavelength of light emitted during fluorescence.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym: subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**
He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym :

iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

gestation

n. the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans

synonym: pregnancy, carrying, incubation

(1) extrauterine **gestation**, (2) **gestation** time

The **gestation** period for elephants is 22 months.

womb

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

synonym: uterus, matrice

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

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

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

bathe

v. to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air

synonym: cleanse, soak, immerse

(1) **bathe** in the sea, (2) **bathe** the baby

I always **bathe** my dog after she swims in the lake.

broth

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

synonym: bouillon, consomme, soup

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

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

canard

n. a false or baseless rumor, story, or piece of information; a deliberately misleading or deceptive statement or report; the French word for "duck"

synonym: hoax, rumor, false report

(1) the **canard** about the dangers of vaccination, (2) political **canard**

The rumor about their breakup turned out to be a baseless **canard**.

savage

adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

synonym: brutal, fierce, barbarous

(1) reply in a **savage** voice, (2) **savage** attack

The animal was injured and became **savage**, attacking anyone who approached.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

nostalgia

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

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

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

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

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

mystique

n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

synonym: aura, charm, enchantment

(1) **mystique** surrounding, (2) celebrity **mystique**

The actress had a **mystique** about her that drew people to her.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

abode

n. a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters

synonym: dwelling, residence, home

(1) a temporary **abode**, (2) humble **abode**

The small cabin in the woods was his **abode** for many years.

crooked

adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

synonym: bent, curved, twisted

(1) **crooked** smile, (2) **crooked** line

The table leg was **crooked**, causing all the cups to slide to

one side.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird

synonym : nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym : man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

ayahuasca

n. a psychoactive brew or infusion made from a combination of plant-based ingredients, traditionally used by indigenous people in the Amazon region of South America for spiritual and healing purposes, which contains the psychedelic compound DMT (dimethyltryptamine) and is often consumed as part of a ritual or ceremony

(1) **ayahuasca** ceremony, (2) **ayahuasca** vine

Participants in the ceremony consumed **ayahuasca** to achieve spiritual enlightenment.

psychoactive

adj. producing an effect on mental processes, such as mood, perception, or behavior; capable of affecting the mind or emotions

synonym : mind-altering, mind-bending, hallucinogenic

(1) **psychoactive** medication, (2) **psychoactive** effects

Psychoactive substances can seriously affect the brain and must be used cautiously.

repertoire

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

an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym : collection, range, reservoir

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

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

elaboration

n. the act of adding more details, information, or explanation to something; the development or expansion of an idea, plan, or project

synonym : complexity, detail, refinement

(1) **elaboration** of details, (2) literary **elaboration**

The professor's **elaboration** helped the students better understand the concept.

liana

n. a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests

synonym : vine, creeper, climber

(1) thick **liana**, (2) tropical **liana**

The adventurers swung through the jungle using the strong **liana** vines.

harmaline

n. a naturally occurring compound derived from plants of the harmala genus, known for its psychoactive properties and used in traditional medicine and rituals

synonym : harmalol, harmine hydrochloride

(1) **harmaline** alkaloid, (2) **harmaline** extract

Traditional healers have used **harmaline-containing** plants in rituals for centuries.

hallucinogen

n. a substance that produces hallucinations (i.e., perceptions of things that are not present or real), such as LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline

synonym : psychedelic drug, mind-bender

(1) **hallucinogen** effects, (2) take a **hallucinogen**

Psilocybin is a type of **hallucinogen** found in some mushrooms.

vine

n. a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems

(1) a green **vine**, (2) **vine** of ore

A **vine** remains productive throughout the year.

hazy

adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

synonym : blurred, clouded, foggy

(1) **hazy** dream, (2) **hazy** atmosphere

My memories of the holiday were **hazy**.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

tryptophan

n. an essential amino acid commonly found in dietary proteins, playing a crucial role in the synthesis of various biomolecules in living organisms

synonym : essential amino acid

(1) essential **tryptophan**, (2) low **tryptophan** levels

Eating foods rich in **tryptophan**, like bananas, can promote a sense of relaxation.

serotonin

n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory

(1) **serotonin** drug, (2) **serotonin** levels

The medicine works by boosting **serotonin** levels in the brain.

snuff

n. finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is

often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense;
(verb) to extinguish or put out

synonym : tobacco, powder, dust

(1) **snuff** out the candle, (2) flavored **snuff**

He reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver **snuff** box.

baroque

adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama

synonym : ornate, elaborate, decorative

(1) **baroque** music, (2) **baroque** architecture

The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the **baroque** style.

electrify

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

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

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

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

dissolution

n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization

synonym : disintegration, decay, breakup

(1) **dissolution** of a company, (2) **dissolution** of the sugar

The **dissolution** of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.

psychedelic

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or

fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) **psychedelic** therapy, (2) **psychedelic** art

The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

classify

v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

synonym: categorize, sort, arrange

(1) **classify** images, (2) **classify** emails into folders

I need to **classify** these documents for the upcoming audit.

hallucinate

v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use

(1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug

Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

monoamine

n. a molecule containing one amine group, especially one that is a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses)

(1) **monoamine** uptake, (2) inhibitor of **monoamine** oxidase

Monoamines play a functionally important role in neurotransmission.

oxidant

n. a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress

(1) **oxidant** stress, (2) natural **oxidant**

Breathing in large amounts of **oxidants**, like ozone, can harm the respiratory system.

potentiate

v. to increase the effect, likelihood, or power of something, such as a drug or a physiological or biochemical phenomenon

synonym: increase, boost, enhance

(1) **potentiate** the drug, (2) **potentiate** the immune response

The author's war and suffering experience **potentiates** this novel's reality.

morphology

n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

synonym: structure, form, anatomy

(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

biochemical

adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

synonym: molecular, biological

(1) **biochemical** reaction, (2) complex **biochemical**

Biochemical research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.

euphemism

n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

synonym: mild expression, implication, circumlocution

(1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death
The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose
synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task
This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the other conditions are not identical.

referable

adj. capable of being referred to or attributed to something; suitable for being directed or ascribed to a particular source or cause

synonym: attributable, assignable, ascribable

(1) **referable** to the successful campaign, (2) **referable** evidence

The symptoms were **referable** to a vitamin deficiency in the patient's diet.

taxonomy

n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area

synonym: classification, categorization, hierarchy

(1) **taxonomy** system, (2) biological **taxonomy**

The **taxonomy** of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.

stamen

n. the male reproductive organ of a flower, usually consisting of a filament and an anther, which supports the anther, which contains the pollen grains necessary for fertilization

synonym: pollen, filament, reproductive organ

(1) flower **stamen**, (2) **stamen** tip

Students sketched the **stamen** arrangement of the lily during their botany class.

quaint

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

synonym : charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

buggy

n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

synonym : carriage, cart, wagon

(1) baby **buggy**, (2) **buggy** update

This Middle Eastern resort offers dune **buggy** tours through the desert.

destine

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

synonym : ordain, doom, predestine

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

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

egregious

adj. outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible

synonym : atrocious, flagrant, heinous

(1) **egregious** claim, (2) an **egregious** error

It was an **egregious** mistake and caused significant harm to the company's reputation.

deforestation

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

synonym : clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

servitude

n. the state of being a slave or being subject to someone else's control or domination; a condition of subjugation or subservience

synonym : bondage, slavery, subjugation

(1) **servitude** system, (2) mental **servitude**

The practice of forcing people into **servitude** is now illegal in many countries.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

silt

n. fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles

synonym : mud, sediment, clay

(1) **silt** sediment, (2) **silt** deposition

The **silt** from the construction site had clogged the nearby drainage system.

freighter

n. a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk

synonym : cargo ship, transport vessel, container vessel

(1) **freighter** ship, (2) bulk **freighter**

The **freighter** crew worked around the clock to unload the cargo at the port.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

overland

adj. relating to or traveling across land rather than by sea or air; denoting a trade route or a travel route that takes place over land

synonym: terrestrial, land-based, ground-based

(1) **overland** journey, (2) **overland** transportation

The **overland** route through the mountains was treacherous and required an experienced guide.

cadre

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

synonym: core group, leadership, elite

(1) elite **cadre**, (2) **cadre** of leaders

The **cadre** of experienced soldiers led the attack.

ascribe

v. to attribute something to a particular cause or source
synonym: attribute, credit, assign

(1) **ascribe** everything to nature, (2) **ascribe** my failure to bad luck

The project's success was **ascribed** to the team's hard work.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym: unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

steppe

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

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

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

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

transgression

n. the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle

synonym: misdeed, crime, wrongdoing

(1) inexcusable **transgression**, (2) commit a **transgression**

Reporters questioned the politician about his past **transgression**.

monochromatic

adj. having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity

synonym: monotone, uncolored, unvarying

(1) **monochromatic** color scheme, (2) **monochromatic** design

The artist created a beautiful **monochromatic** painting that showcased different shades of blue.

monotony

n. a situation in which something unchanging and boring

synonym: boredom, tedium, sameness

(1) the **monotony** of the daily routine, (2) break the **monotony**

The **monotony** of the assembly line work made the days feel very long.

chromatic

adj. relating to or characterized by color or colors; pertaining to the complete range of colors; involving changes in pitch or musical tonality

synonym : colored, colorful, hue

(1) **chromatic** scale, (2) **chromatic** aberration

The artist used a **chromatic** palette to create a vibrant and lively painting.

mead

n. an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

synonym : honey wine

(1) honey **mead**, (2) **mead** brewing

The **mead** at the Renaissance Faire was delicious.

bland

adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

synonym : boring, insipid, flavorless

(1) make a **bland** reply, (2) **bland** novel

The dinner was rather **bland** and in need of some seasoning.

amorphous

adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

synonym : formless, shapeless, structureless

(1) **amorphous** amoeba, (2) **amorphous** mass

The clouded jellyfish has an **amorphous** shape, making it difficult to identify.

multimodal

adj. involving or using several ways of communication or expression

synonym : multiple-mode

(1) **multimodal** input device, (2) **multimodal** approach

The **multimodal** transportation system included trains, buses, and bikes.

neolithic

adj. (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the

use of polished stone tools

synonym : ancient, old, primitive

(1) the **neolithic** age, (2) **neolithic** society

The **neolithic** village was located near a river.

succumb

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

synonym : surrender, break down, die

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

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym : follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

narwhal

n. a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth

synonym: whale, sea unicorn, tusked whale

(1) **narwhal** habitat, (2) **narwhal** migration

The **narwhal's** tusk is an iconic feature of this arctic whale.

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym: wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

sled

n. a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

synonym: sleigh, toboggan, sledge

(1) pull a **sled**, (2) **sled** dog

We used a **sled** to slide down the hill in the snow.

caribou

n. a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions

synonym: reindeer, deer

(1) **caribou** herd, (2) reintroduce **caribou**

Caribou migrate long distances across the tundra in search of food.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

synonym : snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

trousers

n. a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants

synonym : pants, slacks, jeans

(1) work **trousers**, (2) denim **trousers**

He wore black **trousers** and a white shirt to the job interview.

defecate

v. to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces

synonym : excrete

(1) cause an impulse to **defecate**, (2) **defecate** out in the open

It is important to clean up after your pet when they **defecate** in public areas.

feces

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

synonym : poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

saliva

n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

synonym : spit, drool, slobber

(1) dog's **saliva**, (2) dry mouth with little **saliva**

The dentist asked him to spit out the excess **saliva** into the sink.

butcher

n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

synonym : butcherer, meat cutter, slaughterer

(1) **butcher** knife, (2) local **butcher**

He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the **butcher** shop.

improvisation

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

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

ribcage

n. the bony structure in the chest that protects the heart and lungs, composed of twelve pairs of curved bones called ribs that are joined to the spine in the back and the breastbone (sternum) in the front

synonym : chest, thorax, torso

(1) **ribcage** pain, (2) **ribcage** injury

After the accident, the doctors found multiple fractures in his **ribcage** and advised him complete rest.

floe

n. a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet

synonym : iceberg, ice pack

(1) floating **floe**, (2) melting **floe**

The ship had to navigate around a large ice **floe** in the Arctic Ocean.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

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

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

restitution

n. the act of restoring something that has been lost or stolen to its rightful owner; compensation or reimbursement for loss or damage suffered by someone

synonym : compensation, restoration, reimbursement

(1) **restitution** of stolen goods, (2) **restitution** for damages

The judge ordered the defendant to pay full **restitution** to the victims of the crime.

polemics

n. the art, practice, or study of engaging in controversial debates or arguments; the art of effectively arguing or defending a particular point of view

synonym : debate, argument, controversy

(1) controversial **polemics**, (2) academic **polemics**

The church leader's sermon was filled with **polemics** against the vice of greed and materialism.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

dazzle

v. to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder

somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

synonym : sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it

The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

multicultural

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

synonym : diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education

The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

pluralistic

n. a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements

synonym : diverse, multicultural, inclusive

(1) **pluralistic** society, (2) **pluralistic** democracy

The city is known for its **pluralistic** culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.

Session 2: Spelling

1. genteel eu_____sm
n. a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
2. rai_____st destruction
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
3. ta_____my system
n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
4. sm_____e herself out of a country
v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
5. re_____le evidence
adj. capable of being referred to or attributed to something; suitable for being directed or ascribed to a particular source or cause
6. dis_____on of a company
n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
7. br__k of war
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

ANSWERS: 1. euphemism, 2. rainforest, 3. taxonomy, 4. smuggle, 5. referable, 6. dissolution, 7. brink

8. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
9. sc_____ly readable *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
10. pull a s__d *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
11. re_____le to the successful campaign *adj.* capable of being referred to or attributed to something; suitable for being directed or ascribed to a particular source or cause
12. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
13. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
14. s__t sediment *n.* fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles
15. as_____e my failure to bad luck *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
16. make a bl__d reply *adj.* lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting

ANSWERS: 8. swamp, 9. scarcely, 10. sled, 11. referable, 12. persuasive, 13. intuition, 14. silt, 15. ascribe, 16. bland

17. the ca___d about the dangers of vaccination *n.* a false or baseless rumor, story, or piece of information; a deliberately misleading or deceptive statement or report; the French word for "duck"
18. mul_____al input device *adj.* involving or using several ways of communication or expression
19. ba_____e music *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
20. pot_____te the drug *v.* to increase the effect, likelihood, or power of something, such as a drug or a physiological or biochemical phenomenon
21. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
22. ox_____t stress *n.* a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress
23. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
24. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
25. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 17. canard, 18. multimodal, 19. baroque, 20. potentiate, 21. rediscover, 22. oxidant, 23. broth, 24. worldview, 25. ancestor

26. mon_____tic design *adj.* having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity
27. the nature of met_____cs *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
28. the crowd's exc_____on *n.* the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something
29. mul_____ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
30. the exotic flavor of the Or____t *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
31. commit a tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
32. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
33. denim tr_____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
34. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
35. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 26. monochromatic, 27. metaphysics, 28. excitation, 29. multicultural, 30. orient, 31. transgression, 32. prostitute, 33. trousers, 34. well-being, 35. flourish

36. ou____er perspective *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles
37. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
38. s__t deposition *n.* fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles
39. res_____on for damages *n.* the act of restoring something that has been lost or stolen to its rightful owner; compensation or reimbursement for loss or damage suffered by someone
40. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
41. se_____de system *n.* the state of being a slave or being subject to someone else's control or domination; a condition of subjugation or subservience
42. museum of et_____gy *n.* an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them
43. terrestrial bi_____re *n.* the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms

ANSWERS: 36. outsider, 37. resilient, 38. silt, 39. restitution, 40. erode, 41. servitude, 42. ethnology, 43. biosphere

44. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
45. devoted ac____e *n.* an assistant or follower who performs minor tasks or assists a person of higher status, often in religious or ceremonial contexts; a devoted supporter or disciple
46. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
47. complex bio_____al *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
48. cause an impulse to de____te *v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces
49. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
50. ri____e pain *n.* the bony structure in the chest that protects the heart and lungs, composed of twelve pairs of curved bones called ribs that are joined to the spine in the back and the breastbone (sternum) in the front
51. regional et_____gy *n.* an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them
52. fr_____er ship *n.* a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk

ANSWERS: 44. soar, 45. acolyte, 46. womb, 47. biochemical, 48. defecate, 49. incarcerate, 50. ribcage, 51. ethnology, 52. freighter

53. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
54. sa___e attack *adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
55. cattle he___r *n.* a person who takes care of and manages a herd of livestock, such as cows, sheep, or goats
56. mul_____al approach *adj.* involving or using several ways of communication or expression
57. ca_____al tribe *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
58. ov_____nd transportation *adj.* relating to or traveling across land rather than by sea or air; denoting a trade route or a travel route that takes place over land
59. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
60. ay_____ca vine *n.* a psychoactive brew or infusion made from a combination of plant-based ingredients, traditionally used by indigenous people in the Amazon region of South America for spiritual and healing purposes, which contains the psychedelic compound DMT (dimethyltryptamine) and is often consumed as part of a ritual or ceremony
61. am_____us mass *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

ANSWERS: 53. meaningless, 54. savage, 55. herder, 56. multimodal, 57. cannibal, 58. overland, 59. envelop, 60. ayahuasca, 61. amorphous

62. ov____nd journey *adj.* relating to or traveling across land rather than by sea or air; denoting a trade route or a travel route that takes place over land
63. the pl____t of the poor *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
64. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
65. en__e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
66. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
67. dr_____ul accident *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
68. v__e of ore *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
69. sm_____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
70. des_____nt of a pioneer *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
71. low try_____an levels *n.* an essential amino acid commonly found in dietary proteins, playing a crucial role in the synthesis of various biomolecules in living organisms
72. vo___o doll *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

ANSWERS: 62. overland, 63. plight, 64. opportune, 65. ensue, 66. shrub, 67. dreadful, 68. vine, 69. smuggle, 70. descendant, 71. tryptophan, 72. voodoo

73. el_____fy the audience
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
74. se_____in drug
n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
75. ar___c ice
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
76. bl__d novel
adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
77. dis_____on of the sugar
n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
78. regular ca_____e
n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
79. reply in a sa___e voice
adj. extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized
80. sh_____y doorway
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
81. h__y dream
adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
82. bu_____r knife
n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

ANSWERS: 73. electrify, 74. serotonin, 75. arctic, 76. bland, 77. dissolution, 78. cadence, 79. savage, 80. shadowy, 81. hazy, 82. butcher

83. su____b to old age *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
84. a temporary ab__e *n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters
85. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
86. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
87. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
88. a eu_____sm for death *n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
89. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
90. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
91. domestic y_k *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
92. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

ANSWERS: 83. succumb, 84. abode, 85. inadvertently, 86. inadvertently, 87. rediscover, 88. euphemism, 89. electrify, 90. flourish, 91. yak, 92. persuasive

93. ge_____on time *n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans
94. meditative tr___e *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
95. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
96. ca__e of leaders *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
97. an_____da habitat *n.* a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey
98. honey m__d *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains
99. ine_____le force *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
100. mon_____tic color scheme *adj.* having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity

ANSWERS: 93. gestation, 94. trance, 95. sentimental, 96. cadre, 97. anaconda, 98. mead, 99. inexorable, 100. monochromatic

101. cooking rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
102. ba_____e architecture *adj.* of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
103. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
104. qu____t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
105. mor_____gy of a language *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
106. controversial po_____cs *n.* the art, practice, or study of engaging in controversial debates or arguments; the art of effectively arguing or defending a particular point of view
107. mo_____ry pause *adj.* lasting for only a brief moment or an extremely short period of time; occurring momentarily
108. natural ox_____t *n.* a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress

ANSWERS: 101. repertoire, 102. baroque, 103. resonate, 104. quaint, 105. morphology, 106. polemics, 107. momentary, 108. oxidant

109. steam dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
110. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
111. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
112. inq_____ve mind *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
113. ba__e in the sea *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
114. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
115. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
116. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
117. ou_____er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

ANSWERS: 109. distillation, 110. apocalyptic, 111. whisper, 112. inquisitive, 113. bathe, 114. conquest, 115. mushroom, 116. conquer, 117. outsider

118. sit and y_k about life *v.* to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool
119. st___n tip *n.* the male reproductive organ of a flower, usually consisting of a filament and an anther, which supports the anther, which contains the pollen grains necessary for fertilization
120. tr___e state *n.* a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions
121. my_____ue surrounding *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
122. s__d dog *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
123. floating f__e *n.* a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet
124. bu__y update *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

ANSWERS: 118. yak, 119. stamen, 120. trance, 121. mystique, 122. sled, 123. floe, 124. buggy

125. bio_____al reaction *adj.* relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms
126. eg_____us claim *adj.* outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible
127. neuronal exc_____on *n.* the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something
128. or____t my thinking *v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
129. ch_____ic aberration *adj.* relating to or characterized by color or colors; pertaining to the complete range of colors; involving changes in pitch or musical tonality
130. celebrity my_____ue *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
131. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
132. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
133. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 125. biochemical, 126. egregious, 127. excitation, 128. orient, 129. chromatic, 130. mystique, 131. hut, 132. improvisation, 133. worldview

134. di____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
135. dr____ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
136. bulk fr____er *n.* a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
137. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
138. ch____ic scale *adj.* relating to or characterized by color or colors; pertaining to the complete range of colors; involving changes in pitch or musical tonality
139. ha____ne extract *n.* a naturally occurring compound derived from plants of the harmala genus, known for its psychoactive properties and used in traditional medicine and rituals
140. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
141. work tr____rs *n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
142. co____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
143. the lowest def____ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
144. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 134. diaspora, 135. dreadful, 136. freighter, 137. brink, 138. chromatic, 139. harmaline, 140. shadowy, 141. trousers, 142. condemn, 143. deforestation, 144. opportune

145. beautiful su____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
146. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
147. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
148. thick li__a *n.* a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests
149. break the mo____ny *n.* a situation in which something unchanging and boring
150. gl____y lipstick *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
151. the tribe's sh____n *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
152. hal_____gen effects *n.* a substance that produces hallucinations (i.e., perceptions of things that are not present or real), such as LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline
153. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

ANSWERS: 145. sunrise, 146. hut, 147. spear, 148. liana, 149. monotony, 150. glossy, 151. shaman, 152. hallucinogen, 153. womb

154. na_____l migration *n.* a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth
155. cr_____d line *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form
156. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
157. an eg_____us error *adj.* outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible
158. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
159. seminomadic he____rs *n.* a person who takes care of and manages a herd of livestock, such as cows, sheep, or goats
160. en_____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
161. the ne_____ic age *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools

ANSWERS: 154. narwhal, 155. crooked, 156. displace, 157. egregious, 158. broth, 159. herder, 160. envelop, 161. neolithic

162. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
163. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
164. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
165. psy_____ic therapy *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
166. essential try_____an *n.* an essential amino acid commonly found in dietary proteins, playing a crucial role in the synthesis of various biomolecules in living organisms
167. mental se_____de *n.* the state of being a slave or being subject to someone else's control or domination; a condition of subjugation or subservience
168. barren st____e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
169. Ca_____se dialect *n.* a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;

ANSWERS: 162. sub-Saharan, 163. apocalyptic, 164. incidentally, 165. psychedelic, 166. tryptophan, 167. servitude, 168. steppe, 169. Cantonese

170. extrauterine ge_____on *n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans
171. ri_____e injury *n.* the bony structure in the chest that protects the heart and lungs, composed of twelve pairs of curved bones called ribs that are joined to the spine in the back and the breastbone (sternum) in the front
172. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
173. act with im_____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
174. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
175. ca_____e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
176. ba__e the baby *v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
177. single sy_____le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

ANSWERS: 170. gestation, 171. ribcage, 172. anthropology, 173. impunity, 174. storytelling, 175. cadence, 176. bathe, 177. syllable

178. mo_____ry distraction *adj.* lasting for only a brief moment or an extremely short period of time; occurring momentarily
179. An____n region *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Andes mountain range, which spans several South American countries, such as Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador
180. maternal li_____e *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
181. fe__s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
182. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
183. gl_____r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
184. miserable pl____t *n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
185. qu____t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
186. am_____us amoeba *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
187. li_____e tree *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
188. cultural ex_____y *n.* the custom or practice of marrying outside of one's own social, cultural, or ethnic group; the requirement or preference for individuals to marry someone from a different lineage or community

ANSWERS: 178. momentary, 179. Andean, 180. lineage, 181. feces, 182. astonishing, 183. glacier, 184. plight, 185. quaint, 186. amorphous, 187. lineage, 188. exogamy

189. humble ab__e *n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters
190. literary ela_____on *n.* the act of adding more details, information, or explanation to something; the development or expansion of an idea, plan, or project
191. a green v__e *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
192. ne_____ic society *adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools
193. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
194. habitual ca_____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
195. local bu_____r *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
196. sh___n's wisdom *n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions

ANSWERS: 189. abode, 190. elaboration, 191. vine, 192. neolithic, 193. nostalgia, 194. cannibal, 195. butcher, 196. shaman

197. melting f__e *n.* a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet
198. psy_____ive medication *adj.* producing an effect on mental processes, such as mood, perception, or behavior; capable of affecting the mind or emotions
199. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
200. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
201. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
202. de_____te out in the open *v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces
203. political ca____d *n.* a false or baseless rumor, story, or piece of information; a deliberately misleading or deceptive statement or report; the French word for "duck"
204. na_____l habitat *n.* a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth
205. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
206. the mo_____ny of the daily routine *n.* a situation in which something unchanging and boring
207. artificial bi_____re *n.* the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms

ANSWERS: 197. floe, 198. psychoactive, 199. sentimental, 200. diaspora, 201. sequester, 202. defecate, 203. canard, 204. narwhal, 205. descendant, 206. monotony, 207. biosphere

208. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
209. tree and sh__bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
210. su_____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
211. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
212. mo_____ne uptake *n.* a molecule containing one amine group, especially one that is a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses)
213. inf_____te a community *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
214. gl_____rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
215. h__y atmosphere *adj.* not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something

ANSWERS: 208. steppe, 209. shrub, 210. succumb, 211. condemn, 212. monoamine, 213. infiltrate, 214. glacier, 215. hazy

216. the ruins of the old car_____rai *n.* a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods
217. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
218. sy_____le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
219. plu_____ic society *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
220. linguistic ex_____y *n.* the custom or practice of marrying outside of one's own social, cultural, or ethnic group; the requirement or preference for individuals to marry someone from a different lineage or community
221. eq___e mistakes with failure *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
222. high ar___c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
223. no_____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
224. int_____age taboos *n.* the act or practice of marrying someone from a different racial, ethnic, social, or religious group; the union or marriage between individuals from different backgrounds or communities

ANSWERS: 216. caravanserai, 217. soar, 218. syllable, 219. pluralistic, 220. exogamy, 221. equate, 222. arctic, 223. nomadic, 224. intermarriage

225. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
226. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
227. dry mouth with little sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
228. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
229. hal_____te with drug *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
230. baby bu__y *n.* a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs
231. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
232. tropical li__a *n.* a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests
233. ha_____ne alkaloid *n.* a naturally occurring compound derived from plants of the harmala genus, known for its psychoactive properties and used in traditional medicine and rituals
234. per_____ous viewpoint *adj.* having a keen insight or understanding; mentally sharp; perceptive; characterized by the ability to discern and understand things clearly

ANSWERS: 225. mimic, 226. storytelling, 227. saliva, 228. profoundly, 229. hallucinate, 230. buggy, 231. nostalgia, 232. liana, 233. harmaline, 234. perspicacious

235. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
236. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
237. cellular mor_____gy *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
238. human fe__s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
239. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
240. bl_____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
241. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
242. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
243. m__d brewing *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

ANSWERS: 235. resilient, 236. rite, 237. morphology, 238. feces, 239. destine, 240. blizzard, 241. conquest, 242. incidentally, 243. mead

244. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
245. sharp b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
246. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
247. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
248. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
249. mul_____ral education *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
250. pot_____te the immune response *v.* to increase the effect, likelihood, or power of something, such as a drug or a physiological or biochemical phenomenon
251. dog's sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
252. alcohol dis_____ion *n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something

ANSWERS: 244. erode, 245. beak, 246. well-being, 247. improvisation, 248. displace, 249. multicultural, 250. potentiate, 251. saliva, 252. distillation

253. ela_____on of details *n.* the act of adding more details, information, or explanation to something; the development or expansion of an idea, plan, or project
254. psy_____ic art *adj.* relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs
255. giant an_____da *n.* a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey
256. red-hot em__r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
257. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
258. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
259. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
260. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 253. elaboration, 254. psychedelic, 255. anaconda, 256. ember, 257. incarcerate, 258. whisper, 259. sub-Saharan, 260. optimism

261. res_____on of stolen goods *n.* the act of restoring something that has been lost or stolen to its rightful owner; compensation or reimbursement for loss or damage suffered by someone
262. sc_____ly any interest in public *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
263. the architecture of the car_____rai *n.* a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods
264. An____n culture *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Andes mountain range, which spans several South American countries, such as Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador
265. loyal ac_____e *n.* an assistant or follower who performs minor tasks or assists a person of higher status, often in religious or ceremonial contexts; a devoted supporter or disciple
266. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
267. ca_____u herd *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
268. inhibitor of mo_____ne oxidase *n.* a molecule containing one amine group, especially one that is a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses)
269. vo____o curse *n.* a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical

ANSWERS: 261. restitution, 262. scarcely, 263. caravanserai, 264. Andean, 265. acolyte, 266. mushroom, 267. caribou, 268. monoamine, 269. voodoo

270. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
271. flavored sn__f *n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out
272. take a hal_____gen *n.* a substance that produces hallucinations (i.e., perceptions of things that are not present or real), such as LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline
273. sn__f out the candle *n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out
274. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
275. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
276. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
277. perform the r__e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
278. as_____e everything to nature *v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source

ANSWERS: 270. profoundly, 271. snuff, 272. hallucinogen, 273. snuff, 274. sunrise, 275. rainforest, 276. resonate, 277. rite, 278. ascribe

279. inexcusable tra_____ion *n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
280. predict what will en__e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
281. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
282. ay_____ca ceremony *n.* a psychoactive brew or infusion made from a combination of plant-based ingredients, traditionally used by indigenous people in the Amazon region of South America for spiritual and healing purposes, which contains the psychedelic compound DMT (dimethyltryptamine) and is often consumed as part of a ritual or ceremony
283. a wild ja___r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
284. enjoy im_____ty *n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability
285. eth_____hy research *n.* the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study
286. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 279. transgression, 280. ensue, 281. marvelous, 282. ayahuasca, 283. jaguar, 284. impunity, 285. ethnography, 286. ancestor

287. economic int_____age *n.* the act or practice of marrying someone from a different racial, ethnic, social, or religious group; the union or marriage between individuals from different backgrounds or communities
288. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
289. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
290. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
291. heavy bl_____rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
292. elite ca__e *n.* a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement
293. met_____cs study *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
294. cl_____fy emails into folders *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

ANSWERS: 287. intermarriage, 288. destine, 289. optimism, 290. consciously, 291. blizzard, 292. cadre, 293. metaphysics, 294. classify

295. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
296. ine_____le decline *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
297. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
298. inf_____te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
299. gl____y photograph *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
300. a female ja____r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
301. cr_____d smile *adj.* not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 295. meaningless, 296. inexorable, 297. intuition, 298. infiltrate, 299. glossy, 300. jaguar, 301. crooked

302. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
303. eth_____hy methods *n.* the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study
304. eq___e to legal responsibility *v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
305. academic po_____cs *n.* the art, practice, or study of engaging in controversial debates or arguments; the art of effectively arguing or defending a particular point of view
306. no_____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
307. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
308. smoldering em__r *n.* a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
309. plu_____ic democracy *n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
310. reintroduce ca_____u *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions

ANSWERS: 302. anthropology, 303. ethnography, 304. equate, 305. polemics, 306. nomadic, 307. marvelous, 308. ember, 309. pluralistic, 310. caribou

311. per_____ous analysis *adj.* having a keen insight or understanding; mentally sharp; perceptive; characterized by the ability to discern and understand things clearly
312. biological ta_____my *n.* the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
313. se_____in levels *n.* a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
314. def_____ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
315. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
316. psy_____ive effects *adj.* producing an effect on mental processes, such as mood, perception, or behavior; capable of affecting the mind or emotions
317. musical rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
318. da___e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 311. perspicacious, 312. taxonomy, 313. serotonin, 314. deforestation, 315. conquer, 316. psychoactive, 317. repertoire, 318. dazzle

319. hunting sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
320. Ca_____se-style roast duck *n.* a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;
321. start to hal_____te *v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
322. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
323. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
324. cl_____fy images *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
325. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
326. da___e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 319. spear, 320. Cantonese, 321. hallucinate, 322. mimic, 323. intimidate, 324. classify, 325. sequester, 326. dazzle

327. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
328. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
329. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
330. flower st___n *n.* the male reproductive organ of a flower, usually consisting of a filament and an anther, which supports the anther, which contains the pollen grains necessary for fertilization
331. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
332. inq_____ve researcher *adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
333. a tip of the b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
334. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

ANSWERS: 327. prostitute, 328. astonishing, 329. swamp, 330. stamen, 331. consciously, 332. inquisitive, 333. beak, 334. intimidate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The practice of forcing people into _____ is now illegal in many countries.
n. the state of being a slave or being subject to someone else's control or domination; a condition of subjugation or subservience
2. The grand _____ symbolized wealth and power for the ruling dynasty.
n. a type of inn or lodging house, historically found along trade routes in the Middle East and Central Asia, used as a place for travelers to rest and trade goods
3. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
4. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
5. The medicine works by boosting _____ levels in the brain.
n. a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses) involved in, e.g., sleep, emotion, and memory
6. The _____ of the partnership was a difficult and emotional process.
n. the act of breaking up or dissolving something, often referring to a contract, a relationship, or a substance; the process of disintegrating or decomposing over time; the ending or termination of a group or organization
7. The clouded jellyfish has an _____ shape, making it difficult to identify.
adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

ANSWERS: 1. servitude, 2. caravanserai, 3. storytelling, 4. enveloped, 5. serotonin, 6. dissolution, 7. amorphous

8. Reporters questioned the politician about his past _____.
- n.* the violation of a law, duty, or moral principle
9. The actress had a _____ about her that drew people to her.
- n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
10. Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may _____.
- v.* to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
11. _____ I know the answer to that question.
- adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
12. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
- v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
13. The spy was able to _____ the enemy's headquarters undetected.
- v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
14. He wore black _____ and a white shirt to the job interview.
- n.* a pair of leg coverings that extends from the waist to the ankles covering each leg separately, often referred to as pants
15. The company used the _____ "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.
- n.* a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing

ANSWERS: 8. transgression, 9. mystique, 10. hallucinate, 11. Incidentally, 12. incarcerated, 13. infiltrate, 14. trousers, 15. euphemism

16. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
17. The _____ of insects is incredibly complex due to the huge number of species.
n. the classification or scientific study of organisms, including their relationships to each other, based on shared characteristics and traits; a system of organizing and categorizing information in a particular field or subject area
18. The tribe's practice of _____ ensured genetic diversity within the population.
n. the custom or practice of marrying outside of one's own social, cultural, or ethnic group; the requirement or preference for individuals to marry someone from a different lineage or community
19. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
20. The warm _____ from the fireplace glowed brightly.
n. a small piece of smoking wood or coal that remains after a fire has died out; a spark or glowing fragment that remains after something has been consumed or destroyed
21. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
22. The school is known for its _____ student body.
adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

ANSWERS: 16. diaspora, 17. taxonomy, 18. exogamy, 19. astonishing, 20. ember, 21. apocalyptic, 22. multicultural

23. Participants in the ceremony consumed _____ to achieve spiritual enlightenment.
- n.* a psychoactive brew or infusion made from a combination of plant-based ingredients, traditionally used by indigenous people in the Amazon region of South America for spiritual and healing purposes, which contains the psychedelic compound DMT (dimethyltryptamine) and is often consumed as part of a ritual or ceremony
24. The _____ at the Renaissance Faire was delicious.
- n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains
25. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
26. The horror movie portrayed a group of _____ who hunted humans in the woods.
- n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
27. Eating foods rich in _____ like bananas, can promote a sense of relaxation.
- n.* an essential amino acid commonly found in dietary proteins, playing a crucial role in the synthesis of various biomolecules in living organisms
28. Humans have developed the _____ habitat over several decades.
- n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

ANSWERS: 23. ayahuasca, 24. mead, 25. sentimental, 26. cannibals, 27. tryptophan, 28. jaguar's

29. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.
- n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
30. We used a _____ to slide down the hill in the snow.
- n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
31. We encountered an enormous _____ while exploring the Amazon rainforest.
- n.* a large non-venomous snake found in South America, known for its impressive size and ability to constrict its prey
32. The balance of the _____ is crucial for the survival of species.
- n.* the part of the Earth and its atmosphere in which living organisms exist, including plants, animals, and microorganisms
33. The judge ordered the defendant to pay full _____ to the victims of the crime.
- n.* the act of restoring something that has been lost or stolen to its rightful owner; compensation or reimbursement for loss or damage suffered by someone
34. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.
- n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
35. I need to _____ these documents for the upcoming audit.
- v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

ANSWERS: 29. steppe, 30. sled, 31. anaconda, 32. biosphere, 33. restitution, 34. blizzard, 35. classify

36. The rumor about their breakup turned out to be a baseless _____.
- n.* a false or baseless rumor, story, or piece of information; a deliberately misleading or deceptive statement or report; the French word for "duck"
37. _____ migrate long distances across the tundra in search of food.
- n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
38. The project's success was _____ to the team's hard work.
- v.* to attribute something to a particular cause or source
39. The professor's _____ helped the students better understand the concept.
- n.* the act of adding more details, information, or explanation to something; the development or expansion of an idea, plan, or project
40. The symptoms were _____ to a vitamin deficiency in the patient's diet.
- adj.* capable of being referred to or attributed to something; suitable for being directed or ascribed to a particular source or cause
41. Breathing in large amounts of _____ like ozone, can harm the respiratory system.
- n.* a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress
42. The _____ of the assembly line work made the days feel very long.
- n.* a situation in which something unchanging and boring
43. The _____ energy of the electron determines the wavelength of light emitted during fluorescence.
- n.* the state of being excited or stimulated; the process of producing an excited or stimulated state in something

ANSWERS: 36. canard, 37. Caribou, 38. ascribed, 39. elaboration, 40. referable, 41. oxidants, 42. monotony, 43. excitation

44. The audience was _____ by her realistic acting.
- v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
45. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
- n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
46. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
- n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
47. His _____ determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.
- adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
48. The _____ child asked endless questions about the world around her.
- adj.* curious and interested in learning or finding out about things; questioning or prying into matters that are not one's concern; curious or nosy
49. I always _____ my dog after she swims in the lake.
- v.* to wash or immerse oneself or another person in the water or a liquid; to expose a part of the body to a natural element, such as sunlight or air
50. Students sketched the _____ arrangement of the lily during their botany class.
- n.* the male reproductive organ of a flower, usually consisting of a filament and an anther, which supports the anther, which contains the pollen grains necessary for fertilization

ANSWERS: 44. dazzled, 45. brink, 46. optimism, 47. inexorable, 48. inquisitive, 49. bathe, 50. stamen

51. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
- n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
52. Scientists traced the _____ of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.
- n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
53. The singer's voice had a beautiful _____ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.
- n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
54. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
55. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.
- adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
56. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
- v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
57. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 51. rite, 52. lineage, 53. cadence, 54. mimic, 55. consciously, 56. eroded, 57. anthropology

58. Recently, some anthropologists conducted an interesting comparative study in _____.
- n.* an academic field that compares and analyzes the characteristics of different peoples and the relationships between them
59. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
- adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
60. The church leader's sermon was filled with _____ against the vice of greed and materialism.
- n.* the art, practice, or study of engaging in controversial debates or arguments; the art of effectively arguing or defending a particular point of view
61. Traditional healers have used _____ plants in rituals for centuries.
- n.* a naturally occurring compound derived from plants of the harmala genus, known for its psychoactive properties and used in traditional medicine and rituals
62. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
63. It was an _____ mistake and caused significant harm to the company's reputation.
- adj.* outstandingly bad or shocking; conspicuously or outrageously bad or reprehensible
64. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

ANSWERS: 58. ethnology, 59. sub-Saharan, 60. polemics, 61. harmaline-containing, 62. condemned, 63. egregious, 64. rainforest

65. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
- n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
66. The process of _____ is used to purify water and other substances.
- n.* the process of purifying or separating components from a liquid mixture by heating and cooling, typically by using a distillation apparatus; the concentration or essence of something
67. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.
- n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
68. The _____ transportation system included trains, buses, and bikes.
- adj.* involving or using several ways of communication or expression
69. The city is known for its _____ culture, with people from different ethnicities and backgrounds living together.
- n.* a society or system composed of multiple diverse groups or elements
70. We _____ ever used AEDs.
- adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
71. The _____ route through the mountains was treacherous and required an experienced guide.
- adj.* relating to or traveling across land rather than by sea or air; denoting a trade route or a travel route that takes place over land
72. The _____ period for elephants is 22 months.
- n.* the state of being pregnant; the period during which an embryo or fetus develops, usually about 280 days in humans

ANSWERS: 65. conquest, 66. distillation, 67. prostitute, 68. multimodal, 69. pluralistic, 70. scarcely, 71. overland, 72. gestation

73. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

74. The friends met at the local pub every Friday to ____ about their week.

v. to talk at length, often without a particular purpose or direction; (noun) a long-haired bovine mammal native to central Asia that is often domesticated and used for its meat, milk, and wool

75. The _____ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

76. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

77. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

78. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an _____ at times.

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

79. The book is a rich and detailed _____ of the cultural practices of a group of people.

n. the study of social groups and cultures, often conducted through observation, interviews, and analysis of primary sources; a written account of such a study

80. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 73. marvelous, 74. yak, 75. quaint, 76. descendants, 77. persuasive, 78. outsider, 79. ethnography, 80. profoundly,

81. The _____ of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.
- n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
82. She took a moment to _____ herself in the unfamiliar city.
- v.* to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia
83. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
84. Her _____ observations helped solve the complex problem.
- adj.* having a keen insight or understanding; mentally sharp; perceptive; characterized by the ability to discern and understand things clearly
85. Emphasize the second _____ when pronouncing it.
- n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
86. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
87. The animal was injured and became _____ attacking anyone who approached.
- adj.* extremely wild, ferocious, or uncivilized

ANSWERS: 81. morphology, 82. orient, 83. improvisation, 84. perspicacious, 85. syllable, 86. electrify, 87. savage,

88. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.
- v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
89. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
90. Historians believe that _____ practices played a significant role in fostering peace between rival clans.
- n.* the act or practice of marrying someone from a different racial, ethnic, social, or religious group; the union or marriage between individuals from different backgrounds or communities
91. We embarked on an _____ adventure, exploring the breathtaking landscapes of the South American mountains.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Andes mountain range, which spans several South American countries, such as Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador
92. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
- adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
93. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
94. He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the _____ shop.
- n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

ANSWERS: 88. smuggle, 89. broth, 90. intermarriage, 91. Andean, 92. arctic, 93. well-being, 94. butcher

95. The sheep _____ led his flock through the hills, keeping a watchful eye on them at all times.
- n.* a person who takes care of and manages a herd of livestock, such as cows, sheep, or goats
96. _____ play a functionally important role in neurotransmission.
- n.* a molecule containing one amine group, especially one that is a neurotransmitter (= a chemical that carries nerve impulses)
97. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
98. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
99. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
- n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
100. The _____ crew worked around the clock to unload the cargo at the port.
- n.* a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle used for transporting cargo or goods in bulk
101. The magazine cover had a _____ finish, making the images shine.
- adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
102. The dentist asked him to spit out the excess _____ into the sink.
- n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

ANSWERS: 95. herder, 96. Monoamines, 97. resilient, 98. ancestor, 99. swamp, 100. freighter, 101. glossy, 102. saliva

103. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
104. Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating _____ as a discipline.
- n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
105. He finally _____ to temptation.
- v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
106. The small cabin in the woods was his _____ for many years.
- n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters
107. It isn't very reasonable to _____ money with happiness.
- v.* to consider or describe one thing as similar, equal, or analogous
108. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
- v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
109. The little girl lived in a small _____ in the woods with her family.
- n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
110. He reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver _____ box.
- n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out

ANSWERS: 103. worldviews, 104. metaphysics, 105. succumbed, 106. abode, 107. equate, 108. soared, 109. hut, 110. snuff

111. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

112. _____ research is essential to understanding the complex chemical reactions in living organisms.

adj. relating to the chemical processes and substances that occur within living organisms

113. Psilocybin is a type of _____ found in some mushrooms.

n. a substance that produces hallucinations (i.e., perceptions of things that are not present or real), such as LSD, psilocybin, or mescaline

114. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

115. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

116. The ship had to navigate around a large ice _____ in the Arctic Ocean.

n. a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet

117. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

118. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

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

ANSWERS: 111. sunrise, 112. Biochemical, 113. hallucinogen, 114. intuitions, 115. flourished, 116. floe, 117. spears, 118. womb

119. A _____ remains productive throughout the year.
n. a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
120. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
121. This desert is the territory of _____ tribes.
adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
122. It is important to clean up after your pet when they _____ in public areas.
v. to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces
123. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
124. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
125. Some people believe in the power of _____ to heal or harm others.
n. a religion or set of spiritual beliefs and practices that originated in West Africa and the Caribbean, characterized by the worship of spirits, ritual dance, and the use of talismans and charms; also used to describe something mysterious, inexplicable, or magical
126. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 119. vine, 120. shadowy, 121. nomadic, 122. defecate, 123. nostalgia, 124. ensued, 125. voodoo, 126. whispered

127. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

128. Proper disposal of _____ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

129. She took _____ classes to communicate better with her Chinese colleagues.

n. a dialect of Chinese spoken in and around the city of Guangzhou (Canton) in southern China, as well as by many overseas Chinese communities;

130. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.

v. to bring under control by force or authority

131. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.

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

132. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

133. The Beatles' _____ music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

ANSWERS: 127. meaningless, 128. feces, 129. Cantonese, 130. conquer, 131. repertoire, 132. displace, 133. psychedelic

134. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.

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

135. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

- v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

136. The _____ village was located near a river.

- adj.* (also called New Stone Age) the period of human history that followed the end of the last ice age and that is characterized by the development of agriculture and the use of polished stone tools

137. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

- v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

138. Large-scale _____ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

- n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

139. The _____ tusk is an iconic feature of this arctic whale.

- n.* a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth

140. The criminal was able to escape with _____ despite committing multiple offenses.

- n.* exemption or freedom from punishment or harm; a state of being immune to negative consequences or legal accountability

ANSWERS: 134. destined, 135. sequester, 136. neolithic, 137. intimidate, 138. deforestation, 139. narwhal's, 140. impunity,

141. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
142. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.
v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
143. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
144. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
145. The _____ lapse in concentration caused her to miss the crucial shot.
adj. lasting for only a brief moment or an extremely short period of time; occurring momentarily
146. The dinner was rather _____ and in need of some seasoning.
adj. lacking in strong flavor, character, or interest; unremarkable or unexciting
147. The artist used a _____ palette to create a vibrant and lively painting.
adj. relating to or characterized by color or colors; pertaining to the complete range of colors; involving changes in pitch or musical tonality
148. The table leg was _____ causing all the cups to slide to one side.
adj. not straight or aligned; bent or curved to one side; not honest or fair; characterized by deception, fraud, or wrongdoing; irregular, uneven, or jagged in shape or form

ANSWERS: 141. inadvertently, 142. rediscovered, 143. shrubs, 144. mushroom, 145. momentary, 146. bland, 147. chromatic, 148. crooked,

149. The village _____ performed a healing ritual for the ailing elder.
- n.* a person who is regarded as having access to the spirit world and who typically acts as a healer or intermediary between spirits and humans in certain cultures and traditions
150. The bird's _____ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.
- n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
151. The leader's speech resonated well with his _____ group who echoed his sentiments.
- n.* an assistant or follower who performs minor tasks or assists a person of higher status, often in religious or ceremonial contexts; a devoted supporter or disciple
152. The conditions of the prison were _____ and inhumane.
- adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
153. _____ substances can seriously affect the brain and must be used cautiously.
- adj.* producing an effect on mental processes, such as mood, perception, or behavior; capable of affecting the mind or emotions
154. The government has ignored the _____ of the homeless population.
- n.* a difficult or unfortunate situation
155. The _____ from the construction site had clogged the nearby drainage system.
- n.* fine particles of soil, sediment, or rock that are carried and deposited by water, often found at the bottom of bodies of water; a soil or sediment with a high concentration of such particles
156. The adventurers swung through the jungle using the strong _____ vines.
- n.* a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests

ANSWERS: 149. shaman, 150. beak, 151. acolyte, 152. dreadful, 153. Psychoactive, 154. plight, 155. silt, 156. liana

157. The _____ of experienced soldiers led the attack.

n. a group of trained and committed members of an organization or movement

158. The rhythmic beat of the drums kept the audience in a _____.

n. a state of altered consciousness in which a person may seem to be asleep or unconscious but, in reality, is highly responsive to suggestion; a state of being deeply absorbed in thought or feeling, often characterized by a heightened awareness of one's surroundings and emotions

159. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

160. The artist created a beautiful _____ painting that showcased different shades of blue.

adj. having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity

161. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

162. This Middle Eastern resort offers dune _____ tours through the desert.

n. a small, lightweight car, usually with no roof, especially drawn by a single horse; (adjective) infested with bugs

163. After the accident, the doctors found multiple fractures in his _____ and advised him complete rest.

n. the bony structure in the chest that protects the heart and lungs, composed of twelve pairs of curved bones called ribs that are joined to the spine in the back and the breastbone (sternum) in the front

ANSWERS: 157. cadre, 158. trance, 159. opportune, 160. monochromatic, 161. glaciers, 162. buggy, 163. ribcage

164. The ornate architecture of the palace is a perfect example of the _____ style.
adj. of or relating to an ornate and elaborate style of art, architecture, and music that flourished in Europe in the late 16th and early 17th centuries; characterized by a sense of grandeur and drama
165. My memories of the holiday were _____.
adj. not clear due to a lack of recollection, comprehension, or detail; unsure or perplexed about something
166. The sound _____ well in this theater.
v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound
167. The author's war and suffering experience _____ this novel's reality.
v. to increase the effect, likelihood, or power of something, such as a drug or a physiological or biochemical phenomenon

ANSWERS: 164. baroque, 165. hazy, 166. resonates, 167. potentiates