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Session 1: Word List

- folk** *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
synonym: community, family, person
(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.
- peculiar** *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
synonym: bizarre, abnormal, odd
(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people
The juice has a **peculiar** taste.
- background** *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
synonym: ground, experience, backdrop
(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**
The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.
- attitude** *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy
(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control
She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

conjure

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

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

magician

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

synonym : illusionist, conjurer, wizard

(1) **magician's** hat, (2) street **magician**

The children were delighted with the **magician's** clever tricks.

incantation

n. a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state

synonym : spell, charm, enchantment

(1) **incantation** spell, (2) magic **incantation**

The witch performed an **incantation** to summon a demon from the depths of hell.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym :

motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym: mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym: facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

trim

v. to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance

synonym: cut, pare, prune

(1) **trim** a dog's nails, (2) **trim** the budget

I must **trim** the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym: behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

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

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

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym: mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

convenience

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

synonym: availability, usefulness, amenity

(1) **convenience** goods, (2) for **convenience** sake

They offered the **convenience** of an installment plan.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym: cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

forte

n. a person's strong point; a musical notation indicating that a particular passage should be played loudly or with emphasis

synonym : strong, loud, strenght

(1) **forte** piano, (2) mezzo **forte**

Playing the piano with a **forte** touch means playing it loudly.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

container

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

synonym: receptacle, holder, vessel

(1) plastic **container**, (2) **container** ship

The restaurant uses large **containers** to store its food ingredients.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym: notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

wizard

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

synonym: sorcerer, magician, alchemist

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

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

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to

something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

synonym : village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

insult

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

synonym : affront, slight, offense

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

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

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

psychic

adj. relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

synonym : intuitive, clairvoyant, extrasensory

(1) **psychic** intuition, (2) **psychic** reading

She claimed to have **psychic** powers and could predict the future.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

deceased

adj. no longer alive; dead

synonym : dead, defunct, expired

(1) **deceased** loved one, (2) **deceased** relative

The **deceased** person's family was notified of their passing.

astrology

n. the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world

synonym : horoscope, star divination, celestial prediction

(1) **astrology** chart, (2) delve into **astrology**

He was fascinated by ancient **astrology** and spent hours studying horoscopes.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym: enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle

The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

innocent

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

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

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

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

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym : unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

relay

v. to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.

synonym : pass on, transmit, broadcast

(1) **relay** a scene, (2) **relay** a request

Please **relay** the news to the world.

subculture

n. a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

synonym : underground culture, alternative culture

(1) **subculture** movement, (2) **subculture** fashion

The punk **subculture** emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.

gimmick

n. a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

synonym : trick, ploy, tactic

(1) video **gimmick**, (2) accounting **gimmick**

The marketing team devised a clever **gimmick** to attract more customers to the store.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

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.

detriment

n. something that causes harm, injury, or damage

synonym: harm, damage, injury

(1) **detriment** of society, (2) bring great **detriment**

The new approach resulted in a significant **detriment** to the local economy.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

anguish

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

synonym: distress, torment, agony

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

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

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

globe

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

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

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

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

charlatan

n. a person who pretends to have special knowledge or skills to deceive people

synonym: fraud, imposter, sham

(1) the dishonesty of a **charlatan**, (2) **charlatan** medicine

The religious **charlatan** promised a cure for all illnesses but delivered none.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

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.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

secrete

v. to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something

synonym: excrete, seep, discharge

(1) **secrete** mucus, (2) **secrete** enzymes

The glands in the body **secrete** hormones that regulate various bodily functions.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym : somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet
Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

granny

n. a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity

synonym : older woman, grandmother, grandma

(1) **granny** leave, (2) **granny** annex

Seeing **granny's** smiling face whenever I visit her is always a treat.

heaven

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

synonym : paradise, nirvana, utopia

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

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

puppy

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

synonym : dog, young dog, pup

(1) **puppy** in a pet shop, (2) nurse a **puppy**

She adopted a small brown **puppy** from the shelter.

kitten

n. a young cat

synonym : catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always

moving.

damn

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

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

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

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

encyclopedia

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

synonym: dictionary, compendium, almanac

(1) **encyclopedia** entry, (2) online **encyclopedia**

Many bookshops no longer carry printed **encyclopedias**, but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

in-law

n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

synonym: relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

cruel

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

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

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

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

vicious

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

synonym : malicious, spiteful, malevolent

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

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

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

conscience

n. a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

synonym : morality, ethics, scruples

(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**

He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.

advantage

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

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

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

points

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

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

needy

adj. lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent

synonym: dependent, impoverished, destitute

(1) **needy** families, (2) **needy** situation

The community came together to aid and assist those in **needy** areas affected by natural disasters.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

fellow

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

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

practitioner

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

synonym: professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

rosemary

n. an aromatic evergreen shrub with needle-like leaves and small blue or white flowers, often used as a culinary herb for its strong, distinctive flavor

synonym: herb, herbaceous plant

(1) **rosemary** plant, (2) **rosemary** seasoning

I added some fresh **rosemary** to the roasted chicken for extra flavor.

operator

n. a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

synonym: controller, handler, manipulator

(1) **operator** error, (2) an elevator **operator**

The **operator** of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

passee

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

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

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.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym: blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym: worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

farce

n. a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

synonym : comedy, parody, spoof

(1) sports **farce**, (2) theatrical **farce**

The political scandal was like a **farce** straight out of a TV sitcom.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym :

back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

publicity

n. the attention, awareness, or exposure given to someone or something by the media or through promotional efforts; the actions or efforts aimed at creating public interest, awareness, or recognition

synonym : promotion, advertising, marketing

(1) mass **publicity**, (2) media **publicity**

The company hired a PR agency to handle its **publicity** campaign.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym : messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

synonym : royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

bootblack

n. a person who shines or polishes shoes for a living; someone who provides shoe-shining services

synonym : shoeshiner, shoe polisher

(1) professional **bootblack**, (2) old-fashioned **bootblack**

The hotel had a **bootblack** service, providing guests with shoe shining on request.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located

beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym : anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

negotiable

adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

synonym : flexible, adjustable, adaptable

(1) a **negotiable** bill, (2) **negotiable** salary

The price of these items is **negotiable**, so feel free to make an offer.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

paranormal

adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

synonym : supernatural, mystical, otherworldly

(1) **paranormal** experience, (2) **paranormal** phenomena

The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for **paranormal** activity.

occult

adj. relating to mysterious or supernatural phenomena or powers that are beyond normal human knowledge or understanding; hidden or concealed from view; beyond the realm of what can be seen or observed

synonym : hidden, mysterious, esoteric

(1) **occult** knowledge, (2) **occult** practices

She is interested in practicing **occult** rituals.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym : paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

professional

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

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

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

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

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

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

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

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

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

homeopathy *n.* a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals

(1) **homeopathy** treatment, (2) **homeopathy** practitioner

The **homeopathy** course introduces the principles and practices of this alternative healing method.

alternative *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

healing *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym : recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

consist *v.* to be composed or made up of

synonym : lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym : swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

fatal

adj. causing or resulting in death; lethal

synonym : deadly, lethal, mortal

(1) **fatal** accident, (2) make a **fatal** mistake

The car crash was **fatal**, and the driver died on impact.

dose

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

synonym : portion, amount, measure

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

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

overdose

n. excessive and dangerous ingestion or application of a drug

synonym : superfluousness, exuberance, excessiveness

(1) **overdose** of alcohol, (2) opioid **overdose**

It would help if you refrained from an **overdose** of caffeine.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym : toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause

hallucinations and seizures.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer

immediately

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym : feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

medicinal

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

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

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

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

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

gram

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount
How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

aspirin

n. a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation

(1) prescribe **aspirin**, (2) **aspirin** sensitivity
She took a tablet of **aspirin** to soothe the fever.

stir

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

synonym: mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy
Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**
You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

homogeneous

adj. consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition

synonym: uniform, consistent, like

(1) **homogeneous** society, (2) **homogeneous** culture
The population in the rural area was very **homogeneous**,

with everyone having the same cultural and ethnic background.

headache

n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

synonym: concern, difficulty, problem

(1) **headache** accompanied by fever, (2) bit of a **headache**

This pill will relieve your **headaches** immediately.

sip

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

synonym: taste, sample, drink

(1) **sip** a drink, (2) take a **sip** of beer

He **sipped** his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

synonym: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

independence

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

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

fabulous

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

synonym : amazing, wonderful, astonishing

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

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

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

impure

adj. mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters

synonym : contaminated, polluted, unclean

(1) **impure** water, (2) **impure** thoughts

In some religions, pork is deemed **impure**.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

Arthurian

adj. relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym : gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym : condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

shameless

adj. without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors

synonym : brazen, unashamed, audacious

(1) **shameless** behavior, (2) **shameless** liar

He acted in a **shameless** way, not caring that his actions hurt others.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym : melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

www

n. (abbreviation for the "World Wide Web") a system of interconnected documents and resources, linked together through the internet and accessed using a web browser, that allows users to exchange information and communicate globally

synonym: World Wide Web, internet

(1) **www** domain, (2) **www** protocol

To access the website, type in the URL **www** followed by the domain name.

archives

n. a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people

synonym: records, documents, repository

(1) historical **archives**, (2) digital **archives**

The **archives** at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.

mum

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

synonym: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

certificate

n. an official document stating that the information contained within is true

synonym: diploma, credential, certification

(1) official score **certificate**, (2) a birth **certificate**

He received a **certificate** in computer programming from the local college.

sensible

adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

synonym : reasonable, practical, pragmatic

(1) **sensible** decision, (2) **sensible** approach

It's **sensible** to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym : swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

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

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

snap

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

synonym : break, crack, fracture

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

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

dowsing

n. a method or practice using a divining rod or other device to locate underground water sources or other hidden substances

synonym : divination, water witching

(1) **dowsing** rod, (2) **dowsing** for minerals

The ancient practice of **dowsing** involves using a divining rod to find hidden water sources.

amateur

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

synonym : novice, inexperienced, non-professional

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

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

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ro____ry seasoning *n.* an aromatic evergreen shrub with needle-like leaves and small blue or white flowers, often used as a culinary herb for its strong, distinctive flavor
2. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
3. sp____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
4. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
5. opioid ov____se *n.* excessive and dangerous ingestion or application of a drug
6. a criminal bac____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
7. magic inc____on *n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
8. sub____re fashion *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture

ANSWERS: 1. rosemary, 2. obvious, 3. sponsor, 4. probable, 5. overdose, 6. background, 7. incantation, 8. subculture

9. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
10. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
11. antibiotic med_____on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
12. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
13. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
14. de_____nt of society *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
15. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
16. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
17. bring great de_____nt *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage

ANSWERS: 9. snap, 10. claim, 11. medication, 12. forth, 13. alternative, 14. detriment, 15. communicate, 16. frame, 17. detriment

18. ev____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
19. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
20. s_p a drink *v.* to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
21. d__e adjustment *n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation
22. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. street ma_____an *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
24. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
25. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 18. evaluate, 19. suppose, 20. sip, 21. dose, 22. opportune, 23. magician, 24. observe, 25. claim

26. video gi____k *n.* a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception
27. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
28. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
29. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
30. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
31. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
32. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
33. make an ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
34. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 26. gimmick, 27. fin, 28. bond, 29. population, 30. expose, 31. faith, 32. magical, 33. exception, 34. wealth

35. w_w protocol *n.* (abbreviation for the "World Wide Web") a system of interconnected documents and resources, linked together through the internet and accessed using a web browser, that allows users to exchange information and communicate globally
36. at____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
37. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
38. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
39. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
40. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
41. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
42. m_m's cooking *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
43. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
44. gr____y annex *n.* a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity

ANSWERS: 35. www, 36. attitude, 37. independence, 38. rid, 39. puppy, 40. calm, 41. promote, 42. mum, 43. suppose, 44. granny

45. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
46. se____le decision *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
47. oc____t practices *adj.* relating to mysterious or supernatural phenomena or powers that are beyond normal human knowledge or understanding; hidden or concealed from view; beyond the realm of what can be seen or observed
48. ill fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
49. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
50. meeting in____ws *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
51. centimeter-g__m-second system *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
52. pra____ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
53. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

ANSWERS: 45. hunt, 46. sensible, 47. occult, 48. fortune, 49. tune, 50. in-law, 51. gram, 52. practitioner, 53. imply

54. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
55. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
56. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
57. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
58. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
59. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
60. pe_____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
61. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
62. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
63. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
64. enc_____dia entry *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

ANSWERS: 54. naive, 55. foundation, 56. psychology, 57. concerned, 58. conjure, 59. rot, 60. peculiar, 61. normally, 62. assume, 63. ridiculous, 64. encyclopedia

65. keep m_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
66. an elevator op____or *n.* a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations
67. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
68. w_w domain *n.* (abbreviation for the "World Wide Web") a system of interconnected documents and resources, linked together through the internet and accessed using a web browser, that allows users to exchange information and communicate globally
69. online enc_____dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
70. crown pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
71. ch_____an medicine *n.* a person who pretends to have special knowledge or skills to deceive people
72. ki___n formula *n.* a young cat

ANSWERS: 65. mum, 66. operator, 67. advantage, 68. www, 69. encyclopedia, 70. princess, 71. charlatan, 72. kitten

73. ba_____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
74. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
75. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
76. med_____on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
77. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
78. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
79. oc___t knowledge *adj.* relating to mysterious or supernatural phenomena or powers that are beyond normal human knowledge or understanding; hidden or concealed from view; beyond the realm of what can be seen or observed
80. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

ANSWERS: 73. backstage, 74. sensitive, 75. magical, 76. medication, 77. blame, 78. opportune, 79. occult, 80. microphone

81. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
82. a multivitamin ta____t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
83. con____ce goods *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
84. health ep____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
85. ge____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
86. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
87. pr____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
88. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
89. ps____c reading *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
90. se____e enzymes *v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
91. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 81. largely, 82. tablet, 83. convenience, 84. epidemic, 85. gesture, 86. wealth, 87. promote, 88. weird, 89. psychic, 90. secrete, 91. suffer

92. mezzo fo__e *n.* a person's strong point; a musical notation indicating that a particular passage should be played loudly or with emphasis
93. a Royal Pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
94. re__y a scene *v.* to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.
95. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
96. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
97. plastic co_____er *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
98. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
99. the Ar_____an cycle *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
100. media pu_____ty *n.* the attention, awareness, or exposure given to someone or something by the media or through promotional efforts; the actions or efforts aimed at creating public interest, awareness, or recognition

ANSWERS: 92. forte, 93. princess, 94. relay, 95. consumption, 96. government, 97. container, 98. angel, 99. Arthurian, 100. publicity

101. political co____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
102. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
103. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
104. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
105. an intentional in____t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
106. di____e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
107. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
108. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
109. t__m a dog's nails *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance

ANSWERS: 101. comeback, 102. forth, 103. predict, 104. doll, 105. insult, 106. dilute, 107. obvious, 108. insist, 109. trim

110. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
111. delve into as_____gy *n.* the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world
112. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
113. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
114. do_____g rod *n.* a method or practice using a divining rod or other device to locate underground water sources or other hidden substances
115. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
116. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
117. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
118. se_____le approach *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
119. hom_____hy practitioner *n.* a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals

ANSWERS: 110. ridiculous, 111. astrology, 112. probable, 113. elect, 114. dowsing, 115. consist, 116. cruel, 117. psychology, 118. sensible, 119. homeopathy

120. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
121. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
122. a fa_____us price *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
123. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
124. r___n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
125. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
126. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
127. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
128. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
129. natural he_____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
130. ov_____se of alcohol *n.* excessive and dangerous ingestion or application of a drug
131. op_____or error *n.* a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

ANSWERS: 120. insist, 121. emotional, 122. fabulous, 123. accomplish, 124. ruin, 125. intelligent, 126. largely, 127. critic, 128. observe, 129. healing, 130. overdose, 131. operator

132. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
133. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
134. ps_____c intuition *adj.* relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes
135. a neg_____le bill *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation
136. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
137. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
138. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
139. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
140. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 132. suffer, 133. process, 134. psychic, 135. negotiable, 136. calm, 137. razor, 138. conjure, 139. elect, 140. spirit

141. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
142. par_____al experience *adj.* relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
143. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
144. fa__l accident *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
145. bit of a he_____he *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
146. s__p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
147. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
148. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
149. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
150. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 141. passe, 142. paranormal, 143. stick, 144. fatal, 145. headache, 146. snap, 147. insult, 148. profoundly, 149. equivalent, 150. doll

151. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
152. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
153. fe_____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
154. do_____g for minerals *n.* a method or practice using a divining rod or other device to locate underground water sources or other hidden substances
155. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
156. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
157. 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

ANSWERS: 151. communicate, 152. exception, 153. federal, 154. dowsing, 155. function, 156. incapable, 157. electrify

158. an____h and pain *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
159. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
160. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
161. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
162. gr___e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
163. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
164. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
165. co_____er ship *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
166. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
167. armored wa_____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
168. nurse a pu__y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old

ANSWERS: 158. anguish, 159. educational, 160. globe, 161. sponsor, 162. grieve, 163. damn, 164. hunt, 165. container, 166. supernatural, 167. warrior, 168. puppy

169. ro____ry plant *n.* an aromatic evergreen shrub with needle-like leaves and small blue or white flowers, often used as a culinary herb for its strong, distinctive flavor
170. ne__y families *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
171. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
172. inner con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
173. bi____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
174. 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
175. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
176. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
177. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
178. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 169. rosemary, 170. needy, 171. critic, 172. conscience, 173. bizarre, 174. electrify, 175. magic, 176. immediately, 177. professional, 178. rid

179. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
180. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
181. he_____he accompanied by fever *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
182. de_____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
183. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
184. the dishonesty of a ch_____an *n.* a person who pretends to have special knowledge or skills to deceive people
185. professional bo_____ck *n.* a person who shines or polishes shoes for a living; someone who provides shoe-shining services
186. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
187. sh_____ss liar *adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors
188. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 179. damn, 180. immediately, 181. headache, 182. deceive, 183. spirit, 184. charlatan, 185. bootblack, 186. folk, 187. shameless, 188. fin

189. im___e thoughts *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
190. mass pu_____ty *n.* the attention, awareness, or exposure given to someone or something by the media or through promotional efforts; the actions or efforts aimed at creating public interest, awareness, or recognition
191. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
192. vi_____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
193. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
194. he___n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
195. newborn ki___n *n.* a young cat
196. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
197. part of the he_____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
198. digital ar_____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people

ANSWERS: 189. impure, 190. publicity, 191. absolutely, 192. vicious, 193. naive, 194. heaven, 195. kitten, 196. quest, 197. healing, 198. archives

199. future in ___w *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
200. ex ___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
201. a worldwide ep ___ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
202. co ___t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
203. po ___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
204. an int ___nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
205. ev ___te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
206. global b __d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
207. for con ___ce sake *n.* the state of being suitable or opportune
208. po ___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 199. in-law, 200. expose, 201. epidemic, 202. consist, 203. poison, 204. intelligent, 205. evaluate, 206. bond, 207. convenience, 208. poison

209. se_____e mucus v. to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
210. inc_____on spell n. a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
211. me_____or for death n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
212. old-fashioned bo_____ck n. a person who shines or polishes shoes for a living; someone who provides shoe-shining services
213. industry-sp_____ic regulations adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
214. skydiving st__t n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
215. re__y a request v. to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.

ANSWERS: 209. secrete, 210. incantation, 211. metaphor, 212. bootblack, 213. specific, 214. stunt, 215. relay

216. sub_____re movement *n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
217. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
218. in a ge____e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
219. wa_____r spirit *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
220. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
221. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
222. from so_____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
223. sheer no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
224. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
225. neg_____le salary *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

ANSWERS: 216. subculture, 217. bizarre, 218. gentle, 219. warrior, 220. tune, 221. metaphor, 222. someplace, 223. nonsense, 224. angel, 225. negotiable

226. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
227. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
228. Ar_____an romances *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
229. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
230. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
231. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
232. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
233. im___e water *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
234. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
235. de_____ed relative *adj.* no longer alive; dead
236. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

ANSWERS: 226. hell, 227. innocent, 228. Arthurian, 229. innocent, 230. ancient, 231. blame, 232. concerned, 233. impure, 234. prefer, 235. deceased, 236. grieve

237. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
238. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
239. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
240. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
241. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
242. an am_____r musician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional
243. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
244. s__r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
245. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 237. pretension, 238. educated, 239. passe, 240. background, 241. folk, 242. amateur, 243. instruction, 244. stir, 245. prop

246. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
247. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
248. historic ha____t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
249. di____e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
250. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
251. da____e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
252. a fa_____us monster *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
253. ma_____an's hat *n.* a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects
254. hom_____us society *adj.* consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition
255. g__m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

ANSWERS: 246. professional, 247. instruction, 248. hamlet, 249. dilute, 250. confuse, 251. dangle, 252. fabulous, 253. magician, 254. homogeneous, 255. gram

256. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
257. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
258. as_____gy chart *n.* the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world
259. sports fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
260. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
261. gr___y leave *n.* a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity
262. de_____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
263. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
264. hom_____hy treatment *n.* a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals

ANSWERS: 256. fellow, 257. emotional, 258. astrology, 259. farce, 260. independence, 261. granny, 262. deceive, 263. creditor, 264. homeopathy

275. co_____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
276. pre-Christian an_____t
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
277. traditional me_____al
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
278. par_____al phenomena
adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences
279. historical ar_____es
n. a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
280. st___e for a victory
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
281. pra_____ner of Buddhism
n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
282. me_____al times
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
283. a black be__d
n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

ANSWERS: 275. confuse, 276. ancient, 277. medicinal, 278. paranormal, 279. archives, 280. starve, 281. practitioner, 282. medieval, 283. beard

284. run like h__l	<i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
285. ig___e a ban	<i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
286. sp_____ic instructions	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
287. acc_____sh a goal	<i>v.</i> to finish or achieve something successfully
288. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss	<i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
289. sleep pro_____ly	<i>adv.</i> to a great or complete degree; deeply
290. ra__r blade	<i>n.</i> a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
291. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
292. take a s_p of beer	<i>v.</i> to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink
293. labor pop_____on	<i>n.</i> the total number of people in a country, region, or location
294. ed_____ed adult	<i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education
295. hom_____us culture	<i>adj.</i> consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition

ANSWERS: 284. hell, 285. ignore, 286. specific, 287. accomplish, 288. assume, 289. profoundly, 290. razor, 291. absolutely, 292. sip, 293. population, 294. educated, 295. homogeneous

296. t__m the budget *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
297. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
298. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
299. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
300. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
301. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
302. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
303. emotional an_____h *n.* severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
304. ta____t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 296. trim, 297. gesture, 298. stunt, 299. rot, 300. backstage, 301. comfort, 302. supernatural, 303. anguish, 304. tablet

305. vi____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
306. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
307. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
308. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
309. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
310. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
311. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
312. ne__y situation *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
313. in___t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

ANSWERS: 305. vicious, 306. advantage, 307. beard, 308. alternative, 309. starve, 310. consumption, 311. normally, 312. needy, 313. ingest

314. talk no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
315. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
316. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
317. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
318. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
319. around the gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
320. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
321. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
322. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
323. guilty con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
324. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
325. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

ANSWERS: 314. nonsense, 315. attitude, 316. ignore, 317. gentle, 318. fellow, 319. globe, 320. perpetual, 321. someplace, 322. government, 323. conscience, 324. microphone, 325. dangle

326. me_____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
327. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
328. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
329. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
330. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
331. career co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
332. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 326. medieval, 327. frame, 328. perpetual, 329. federal, 330. function, 331. comeback, 332. magic

333. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
334. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
335. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
336. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
337. prescribe as_____n *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
338. fo__e piano *n.* a person's strong point; a musical notation indicating that a particular passage should be played loudly or with emphasis
339. make a fa__l mistake *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
340. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
341. an am_____r magician *adj.* engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

ANSWERS: 333. foundation, 334. quest, 335. prefer, 336. stick, 337. aspirin, 338. forte, 339. fatal, 340. comfort, 341. amateur

342. financial wi___d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
343. as____n sensitivity *n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
344. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
345. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
346. pe____ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
347. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
348. theatrical fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
349. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
350. ha___t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
351. s__r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

ANSWERS: 342. wizard, 343. aspirin, 344. ruin, 345. process, 346. peculiar, 347. educational, 348. farce, 349. medicinal, 350. hamlet, 351. stir

352. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
353. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
354. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
355. daily d__e *n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation
356. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
357. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
358. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
359. sh____ss behavior *adj.* without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors
360. de____ed loved one *adj.* no longer alive; dead

ANSWERS: 352. prop, 353. faith, 354. creditor, 355. dose, 356. fortune, 357. cruel, 358. weird, 359. shameless, 360. deceased

361. ascend to he___n

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

362. im__y a strong correlation

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

ANSWERS: 361. heaven, 362. imply

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

2. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

3. The marketing team devised a clever _____ to attract more customers to the store.
n. a trick, device, or scheme used to attract attention or create a desired effect, often by using novelty or deception

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

5. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.
n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

6. We have finally lost our last _____.
n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

7. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 1. forth, 2. innocent, 3. gimmick, 4. hell, 5. nonsense, 6. prop, 7. magic

8. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
9. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
10. The _____ course introduces the principles and practices of this alternative healing method.
- n.* a system of alternative medicine based on the principle of "like cures like," in which the symptoms of an ailment are treated with highly diluted substances that are known to produce similar symptoms in healthy individuals
11. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
- v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
12. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
- v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
13. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
- n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
14. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
15. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

ANSWERS: 8. fins, 9. opportune, 10. homeopathy, 11. exposed, 12. diluted, 13. epidemic, 14. globe, 15. deceive

16. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
- n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
17. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
18. The truth was more _____ than expected.
- adj.* very strange or unusual
19. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.
- n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
20. The car crash was _____ and the driver died on impact.
- adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
21. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
22. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
23. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 16. angel, 17. medicinal, 18. bizarre, 19. medication, 20. fatal, 21. evaluate, 22. rot, 23. heaven

24. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
25. In some religions, pork is deemed _____.
- adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
26. The _____ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.
- adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
27. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.
- n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
28. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
29. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
30. The hotel had a _____ service, providing guests with shoe shining on request.
- n.* a person who shines or polishes shoes for a living; someone who provides shoe-shining services

ANSWERS: 24. microphone, 25. impure, 26. Arthurian, 27. exception, 28. stick, 29. obvious, 30. bootblack

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

32. How much is it per one hundred _____

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

33. It's _____ to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

34. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

35. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

36. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

37. Topics related to that war may _____ up a political hornets' nest.

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

38. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 31. probable, 32. grams?, 33. sensible, 34. hunt, 35. sponsors, 36. psychology, 37. stir, 38. poison

39. The punk _____ emerged in the 1970s as a response to mainstream society and its values.
- n.* a distinct social group or community within a larger society that shares a set of practices, beliefs, or values that are different from those of the dominant culture
40. The _____ at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.
- n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
41. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
42. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
- adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
43. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
44. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
45. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
- v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

ANSWERS: 39. subculture, 40. archives, 41. magical, 42. sensitive, 43. ignored, 44. insisted, 45. ingest

46. She suffered from a deep sense of _____ following the loss of her loved one.
n. severe physical or emotional pain or suffering; distress or mental agony
47. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
48. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
49. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
50. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.
adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something
51. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
52. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
53. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
54. Please _____ the news to the world.
v. to receive and pass something, such as information or a message, from one person or group to another; to broadcast something on television, radio, etc.

ANSWERS: 46. anguish, 47. imply, 48. conjured, 49. concerned, 50. incapable, 51. quest, 52. creditor, 53. consumption, 54. relay

55. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
56. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
57. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
58. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
59. My sister-_____ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.
n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
60. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
61. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
62. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
63. The ancient practice of _____ involves using a divining rod to find hidden water sources.
n. a method or practice using a divining rod or other device to locate underground water sources or other hidden substances

ANSWERS: 55. instruction, 56. wealth, 57. suffers, 58. absolutely, 59. in-law, 60. suppose, 61. metaphors, 62. Intelligent, 63. dowsing

64. The witch performed an _____ to summon a demon from the depths of hell.
- n.* a series of words or phrases repeated over and over again, often in a ritual or spiritual context; a spell or charm believed to have magical power; a formulaic expression used to evoke a particular emotion or mental state
65. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
66. He was fascinated by ancient _____ and spent hours studying horoscopes.
- n.* the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world
67. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
- adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
68. She took a tablet of _____ to soothe the fever.
- n.* a drug used to reduce pain, fever, and inflammation
69. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
70. The community came together to aid and assist those in _____ areas affected by natural disasters.
- adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent

ANSWERS: 64. incantation, 65. emotional, 66. astrology, 67. gentle, 68. aspirin, 69. process, 70. needy

71. The new approach resulted in a significant _____ to the local economy.
n. something that causes harm, injury, or damage
72. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.
n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
73. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
74. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
75. I added some fresh _____ to the roasted chicken for extra flavor.
n. an aromatic evergreen shrub with needle-like leaves and small blue or white flowers, often used as a culinary herb for its strong, distinctive flavor
76. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.
n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
77. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 71. detriment, 72. princess, 73. confused, 74. ancient, 75. rosemary, 76. stunt, 77. function

78. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

79. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

80. He _____ his tea slowly, savoring the taste.

v. to drink a liquid by taking small mouthfuls; (noun) a small drink

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

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

82. The children were delighted with the _____ clever tricks.

n. a person who performs magic tricks or illusions to entertain an audience; typically involves sleight of hand or deception to create seemingly impossible or supernatural effects

83. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

84. I must _____ the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.

v. to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance

85. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

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

ANSWERS: 78. warrior, 79. specific, 80. sipped, 81. cruel, 82. magician's, 83. healing, 84. trim, 85. snapped

86. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

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

87. It would help if you refrained from an _____ of caffeine.

- n.* excessive and dangerous ingestion or application of a drug

88. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

- adv.* now or without delay

89. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

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

90. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.

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

91. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.

- v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

92. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.

- v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

93. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

- n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

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

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

ANSWERS: 86. faith, 87. overdose, 88. immediately, 89. independence, 90. wizard, 91. accomplish, 92. dangle, 93. tune, 94. claim

95. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
96. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.
n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
97. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
98. The company hired a PR agency to handle its _____ campaign.
n. the attention, awareness, or exposure given to someone or something by the media or through promotional efforts; the actions or efforts aimed at creating public interest, awareness, or recognition
99. The juice has a _____ taste.
adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
100. The glands in the body _____ hormones that regulate various bodily functions.
v. to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
101. The religious _____ promised a cure for all illnesses but delivered none.
n. a person who pretends to have special knowledge or skills to deceive people
102. The restaurant uses large _____ to store its food ingredients.
n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

ANSWERS: 95. population, 96. comeback, 97. consists, 98. publicity, 99. peculiar, 100. secrete, 101. charlatan, 102. containers

103. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

104. This pill will relieve your _____ immediately.

n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

105. 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

106. Many bookshops no longer carry printed _____ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

107. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

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

108. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

109. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

110. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 103. normally, 104. headaches, 105. electrify, 106. encyclopedias, 107. folk, 108. assumes, 109. blamed, 110. frame

111. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

112. The _____ fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

- n.* a young cat

113. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.

- n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old

114. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

- n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

115. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

- n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

116. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

117. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

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

ANSWERS: 111. starve, 112. kitten's, 113. puppy, 114. tablet, 115. beard, 116. foundation, 117. background

118. She _____ the loss of her parents.

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

119. Seeing _____ smiling face whenever I visit her is always a treat.

n. a grandmother; an older adult, especially one who is seen as conservative or cautious, often used as a term of affection or familiarity

120. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

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

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

122. The population in the rural area was very _____ with everyone having the same cultural and ethnic background.

adj. consisting of or composed of parts that are similar or identical in nature, kind, or character; uniform in structure or composition

123. The _____ of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

n. a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

124. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

125. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

ANSWERS: 118. grieved, 119. granny's, 120. alternative, 121. advantages, 122. homogeneous, 123. operator, 124. promote, 125. educational

126. She took the recommended _____ of medication to treat her headache.

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

127. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

- adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

128. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.

- adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

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

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

130. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

131. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

- n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

132. My _____ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

- n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

133. He received a _____ in computer programming from the local college.

- n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true

ANSWERS: 126. dose, 127. backstage, 128. someplace, 129. damn, 130. prefer, 131. equivalent, 132. mum, 133. certificate

134. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

135. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

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

136. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

137. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

138. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

139. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

140. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

141. They offered the _____ of an installment plan.

n. the state of being suitable or opportune

ANSWERS: 134. government, 135. fellow, 136. federal, 137. educated, 138. doll, 139. hamlet, 140. comfort, 141. convenience

142. The political scandal was like a _____ straight out of a TV sitcom.
n. a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
143. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his _____ even if it meant losing the job.
n. a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
144. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
145. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
146. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
147. Thank you for inviting such a _____ party tonight.
adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
148. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
149. The company employs a _____ inventory system.
adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

ANSWERS: 142. farce, 143. conscience, 144. supernatural, 145. largely, 146. critics, 147. fabulous, 148. predict, 149. perpetual

150. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

151. To access the website, type in the URL ____ followed by the domain name.

n. (abbreviation for the "World Wide Web") a system of interconnected documents and resources, linked together through the internet and accessed using a web browser, that allows users to exchange information and communicate globally

152. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

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

153. The haunted house was said to be a hotspot for _____ activity.

adj. relating to phenomena or experiences that are beyond scientific explanation or understanding, often associated with forces or entities that are outside the realm of normal human perception or understanding, such as ghosts, psychic abilities, or supernatural occurrences

154. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

155. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

156. They had formed a friendship _____.

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 150. gesture, 151. www, 152. elected, 153. paranormal, 154. spirit, 155. rid, 156. bond

157. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

158. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

159. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

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

160. He acted in a _____ way, not caring that his actions hurt others.

adj. without shame or embarrassment; showing no remorse or guilt for one's actions or behaviors

161. Playing the piano with a _____ touch means playing it loudly.

n. a person's strong point; a musical notation indicating that a particular passage should be played loudly or with emphasis

162. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

163. The price of these items is _____ so feel free to make an offer.

adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

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

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

ANSWERS: 157. pretensions, 158. communicate, 159. professional, 160. shameless, 161. forte, 162. attitude, 163. negotiable, 164. profoundly,

165. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
166. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.
n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
167. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
168. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
169. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
170. She is interested in practicing _____ rituals.
adj. relating to mysterious or supernatural phenomena or powers that are beyond normal human knowledge or understanding; hidden or concealed from view; beyond the realm of what can be seen or observed
171. Only the _____ tower remained standing.
adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
172. The _____ photographer captured some stunning shots during the sunset.
adj. engaging in an activity or pursuing a particular interest without professional knowledge, training, or experience; non-professional

ANSWERS: 165. vicious, 166. practitioner, 167. ridiculous, 168. naive, 169. ruined, 170. occult, 171. medieval, 172. amateur

173. She claimed to have _____ powers and could predict the future.

adj. relating to or capable of extrasensory perception or paranormal phenomena; relating to the mind or mental processes

174. The _____ person's family was notified of their passing.

adj. no longer alive; dead

175. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

176. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.

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

177. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

178. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

179. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

180. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 173. psychic, 174. deceased, 175. razor, 176. insult, 177. calm, 178. weird, 179. observe, 180. fortune

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

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

ANSWERS: 181. passe