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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

*synonym*: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

### tap

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

*synonym*: knock, exploit, use

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

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

### absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

*synonym*: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

### inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym*: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a

novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## waltz

*n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

*synonym*: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

## define

*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

## titanic

*adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

*synonym*: colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

## sink

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

*synonym*: descend, drop, plummet

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

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

## tip

*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice

about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

*synonym* : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

## iceberg

*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

*synonym* : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

## gradual

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym* : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## moral

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## combination

*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

*synonym* : blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## concourse

*n.* a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection

*synonym* : crowd, gathering, corridor

(1) the museum's **concourse**, (2) airport **concourse**

The hotel's grand **concourse** welcomed guests with a stunning chandelier.

## destination

*n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

*synonym* : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

## efficient

*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

*synonym* : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

## imitate

*v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

*synonym* : mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

## humming

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

*synonym* : buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked

through the garden.

**fort** *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack  
*synonym*: stronghold, bastion, fortress  
(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate  
The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading forces.

**pneumatic** *adj.* relating to or using air or gas under pressure, particularly in machinery or devices; operated by compressed air or gas  
*synonym*: air-powered, gas-pressure, compressed-air  
(1) **pneumatic** tire, (2) **pneumatic** cylinder  
The mechanic used a **pneumatic** drill to repair the engine.

**delay** *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected  
*synonym*: block, adjourn, detain  
(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project  
We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

**shrink** *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount  
*synonym*: decrease, diminish, shy away  
(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear  
This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

**steel** *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure  
*synonym*: iron  
(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam  
This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

**nervous** *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves  
*synonym*: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**  
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym* : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## Calvary

*n.* a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice

*synonym* : Golgotha, crucifixion, hill

(1) **Calvary** Chapel, (2) the way of **Calvary**

The city's homeless shelter has become a **Calvary** of hardships for those with nowhere else to go.

## span

*n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

*synonym* : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

## companion

*n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

*synonym* : affiliate, fellow, mate

(1) a working **companion**, (2) drinking **companions**

Her dog is her excellent **companion**.

## breath

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

## lungs

*synonym* : air, puff, whiff

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

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

## proof

*n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

*synonym* : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

**Proof** is better than argument.

## madam

*n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

*synonym* : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

**Madam** President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

## bust

*v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

*synonym* : ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

## crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

## reaction

*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

*synonym* : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym*: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week  
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## honor

*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;  
(verb) to show respect towards someone

*synonym*: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors  
I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

## huck

*v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently

*synonym*: throw, toss, pitch

(1) **huck** a ball, (2) **huck** a disc  
I was able to **huck** the frisbee across the field to my friend.

## tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity  
We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## raft

*n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

*synonym*: flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**  
The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

## illiterate

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

*synonym*: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**



Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

## property

*n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

*synonym*: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

## slave

*n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

*synonym*: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

## chase

*v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

*synonym*: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

## bury

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

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

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

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

## AI

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

*synonym*: robot, machine learning, neural network

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

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

## accretion

*n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process

*synonym* : accumulation, buildup, growth

(1) stellar **accretion**, (2) island **accretion**

The rock was formed by the slow **accretion** of sediments over millions of years.

## trivia

*n.* details or information that are unimportant

*synonym* : minutiae, trifles

(1) **trivia** question, (2) a useful piece of **trivia**

She has a wide variety of knowledge of pop **trivia**.

## awareness

*n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

*synonym* : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

## quotation

*n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

*synonym* : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

## wright

*n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

*synonym* : builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

## 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.

## scram

*v.* to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor

*synonym* : hurry, rush, bolt

(1) diverse **scram** system, (2) **scram** from the scene

Everyone **scrambled** to evacuate the building when the fire alarm went off.

## cardiologist

*n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

*synonym* : heart doctor, heart specialist, cardiac specialist

(1) **cardiologist** appointment, (2) skilled **cardiologist**

My grandfather is seeing a **cardiologist** to monitor his heart condition.

## likable

*adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable

*synonym* : sympathetic, appealing, charming

(1) **likable** personality, (2) a **likable** character

He's a very **likable** person who makes friends easily.

## notion

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

*synonym* : idea, concept, belief

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

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and

fiction writers alike.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## 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.

## connote

*v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

*synonym*: imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

## philosophy

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

*synonym*: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## organization

*n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

*synonym*: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

## curtsy

*n.* (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy

*synonym* : curtsey, bow, genuflection

(1) elegant **curtsy**, (2) drop a **curtsy** to express respect

The young girl performed a graceful **curtsy** after her ballet recital.

## president

*n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

*synonym* : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

## colleague

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

*synonym* : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

## outlive

*v.* to live longer than another person

*synonym* : continue, outlast, survive

(1) **outlive** its usefulness, (2) **outlive** our child

She **outlived** her husband for many years.

## intellect

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

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym* : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number  
The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

## investigate

*v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

*synonym*: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

## 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.

## institute

*n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

*synonym*: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

## organic

*adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

*synonym*: biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

## poem

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

*synonym* : ballad, lyric, verse

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

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

## inmate

*n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility

*synonym* : prisoner, convict, detainee

(1) **inmate** population, (2) **inmate** rights

The prison implemented a new educational program for **inmates** to learn skills and prepare for life after release.

## norm

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

*synonym* : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

## materialistic

*adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

*synonym* : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

## subside

*v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

*synonym* : decrease, decline, diminish

(1) **subside** an argument, (2) **subside** after a short time

The storm **subsided**, leaving the town in peace.

## excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym* : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## bruise

*n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

*synonym* : contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

## nightmare

*n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

*synonym* : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

## dramatically

*adv.* in a very impressive manner

*synonym* : greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## bathtub

*n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

*synonym* : tub, bath, basin



(1) **bathtub** curve, (2) **bathtub** drain

I filled the **bathtub** with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

## belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

*synonym*: sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

## warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

*synonym*: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

## pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

*synonym*: distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

## fondle

v. to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact

*synonym*: caress, stroke, pet

(1) **fondle** a pet, (2) **fondle** a baby

She gently **fondled** the kitten's soft fur.

**insane**

*adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill  
*synonym* : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme  
Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

**jail**

*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

*synonym* : prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

**tub**

*n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body

*synonym* : bathtub, bath, basin

(1) **tub** for foot soaking, (2) **tub** for washing

I like to take a long soak in the **tub** after a long day.

**continuously**

*adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

*synonym* : constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed

The country's domestic coal consumption has been **continuously** declining for decades.

**repeatedly**

*adv.* again and again; many times

*synonym* : frequently, over and over, constantly

(1) use cell phone **repeatedly**, (2) **repeatedly** nod

He claims that his legitimate requests were **repeatedly** ignored.

**dare**

*v.* to have the courage to do something

*synonym* : challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

## hallway

*n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open  
*synonym*: foyer, corridor, entrance

(1) the head of a **hallway**, (2) wax a **hallway** floor  
He dashed down a **hallway** to a bathroom.

## swell

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population  
His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## excite

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

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## 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**.

## mall

*n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

*synonym*: shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

## security

*n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

*synonym*: safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

### **petrify**

*v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

*synonym*: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

### **numb**

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym*: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

### **rear**

*adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

*synonym*: back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

### **highway**

*n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

*synonym*: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

### **investigation**

*n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

*synonym*: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

### **aspect**

*n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

*synonym*: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social,

political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

**bull** *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing  
*synonym*: bovine, cattle, bruiser  
(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter  
The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

**rider** *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message  
*synonym*: passenger, commuter, traveler  
(1) a motorcycle **rider**, (2) **rider** to a bill  
The horse **rider** won first place in the equestrian competition.

**cowboy** *n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle  
*synonym*: cowpuncher, rancher, wrangler  
(1) **cowboy** rodeo, (2) **cowboy** boots  
The **cowboy** hat she wore added to her rugged and tough look.

**tripping** *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination  
*synonym*: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-altering  
(1) **tripping** hazards, (2) **tripping** on acid  
Her **tripping** laughter echoed through the room, spreading

contagious joy to everyone present.

## relation

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

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

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

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

## riot

*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

*synonym*: disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

## aria

*n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

*synonym*: song, melody, tune

(1) **aria** singer, (2) dramatic **aria**

The soprano performed an emotional **aria** that brought the audience to tears.

## capture

*v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

*synonym*: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

## videotape

*n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape

*synonym*: videocassette, tape, recording

(1) **videotape** evidence, (2) rewind **videotape**

We watched a **videotape** of our family vacation from years

ago.

## bush

*n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

*synonym*: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

## declare

*v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

*synonym*: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

## 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.

## explosion

*n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

*synonym*: burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

## verdict

*n.* an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision

*synonym*: judgment, ruling, decree

(1) the popular **verdict**, (2) jury **verdict**

The Court of Appeals upheld the **verdict**.

## communal

*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## 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?

## justice

*n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

*synonym*: fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

## swallow

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

*synonym*: consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

## bitterness

*n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant

*synonym*: resentment, acrimony, hostility

(1) lingering **bitterness**, (2) underlying **bitterness**

The **bitterness** they felt towards each other prevented any chance of reconciliation.

## luxurious

*adj.* characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable

*synonym*: opulent, sumptuous, rich



(1) **luxurious** spa, (2) **luxurious** lifestyle  
She was living in a **luxurious** apartment in the city.

## deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

*synonym*: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

## victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

*synonym*: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

## turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

*synonym*: chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

## qualify

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

*synonym*: permit, authorize, allow

(1) **qualify** as a candidate, (2) **qualify** for membership

The top three teams in this tournament **qualify** for the Olympics.

## medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

*synonym*: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

## treatment

*n.* the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.

*synonym*: remedy, antidote, medicine

(1) first-aid **treatment**, (2) **treatment** by diet

The primary purpose of the **treatment** is pain relief.

## welfare

*n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

*synonym*: well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

## survive

*v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

*synonym*: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

## taxpayer

*n.* a person who pays taxes to the government

*synonym*: contributor, payer, financier

(1) **taxpayer** money, (2) delinquent **taxpayer**

As a **taxpayer**, he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

## 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.

## celebrated

*adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes

*synonym*: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's

inauguration.

## church

*n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

*synonym*: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

## destroy

*v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

*synonym*: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

## merchant

*n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

*synonym*: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

## violent

*adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

*synonym*: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

## 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**.

## hilarious

*adj.* extremely funny

*synonym* : funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote

The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

## sacrifice

*n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

*synonym* : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

## minority

*n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

*synonym* : adolescence, nonage, juvenility

(1) a **minority** position, (2) number of **minority** students

Some ethnic **minority** groups experienced discrimination in society.

## 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.

## mainstream

*n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

*synonym* : prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

## unclear

*adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

*synonym*: ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

## ignite

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym*: light, set fire to, enkindle

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

## cuddle

*v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

*synonym*: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

## sidetrack

*v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course

*synonym*: divert, distract, derail

(1) **sidetrack** a discussion, (2) **sidetrack** his attention

Don't let small setbacks **sidetrack** you from achieving your long-term goals.

## 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.

## rodeo

*n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding

(1) **rodeo** bull, (2) **rodeo** championship

The bull rider held on tightly during the **rodeo** event.

## **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**.

## **op-ed**

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

*synonym* : editorial, opinion, column

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

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

## **republican**

*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

*synonym* : conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

## **convention**

*n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

*synonym* : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

## **affiliation**

*n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization

*synonym* :

association, connection, partnership

(1) **affiliation** agreement, (2) business **affiliation**

Her **affiliation** with the political party helped her to win the election.

## optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

## steppe

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

*synonym*: prairie, savannah, grassland

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

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

## kidney

*n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

(1) an artificial **kidney**, (2) chronic **kidney** disease

The surgeon removed the healthy **kidney** from the donor.

## scan

*v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

*synonym*: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

## digest

*v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

*synonym*: absorb, condense

(1) **digest** information, (2) help **digest** food

Most babies can readily **digest** a wide variety of foods.

## idiot

*n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

*synonym*: dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

## 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.

## confidence

*n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

*synonym*: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

## determination

*n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

*synonym*: resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

## cocky

*adj.* overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance

*synonym*: arrogant, conceited, egotistical

(1) **cocky** confidence, (2) **cocky** behavior

His **cocky** attitude often got him in trouble with his coworkers.



## horn

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

*synonym* : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

## tuff

*adj.* (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption

*synonym* : tough, durable, rugged

(1) **tuff** fabric, (2) igneous **tuff**

The hiker climbed the **tuff** hill with great difficulty.

## pat

*v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

*synonym* : tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

## 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.

## upside

*n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

*synonym* : advantage, benefit, top

(1) have no **upside**, (2) market **upside**

Many people see the **upside** of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

**dirt** *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock  
*synonym* : filth, grime, muck  
(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track  
The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

**pall** *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting  
*synonym* : boredom, weariness, monotony  
(1) a **pall** of darkness, (2) **pall** of sadness  
The news of the tragedy cast a **pall** over the entire community.

**wrestling** *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground  
*synonym* : grappling, fighting, brawling  
(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**  
He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

**rack** *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish  
*synonym* : shelf, stand, frame  
(1) clothing **rack**, (2) spice **rack**  
I need to buy a new coat **rack** to organize my winter jackets.

**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.

**fee** *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service  
*synonym* : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

## ranch

*n.* a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house

*synonym*: farm, estate, homestead

(1) cattle **ranch**, (2) dude **ranch**

The cowboys rode their horses through the dusty trails of the **ranch**.

## shove

*v.* to push someone or something in a rough way

*synonym*: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

## metal

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

*synonym*: alloy, metalloid

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

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

## sew

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

*synonym*: stitch, darn, tailor

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

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

## straighten

*v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

*synonym*: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked

picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

## anesthesia

*n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

## rod

*n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

*synonym* : stick, wand, staff

(1) **rod** cell, (2) curtain **rod**

He used a fishing **rod** to catch the biggest fish of the day.

## brain

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

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

## tolerance

*n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

*synonym* : acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

## Session 2: Spelling

- |                                    |      |   |
|------------------------------------|------|---|
| 1. su_____e a plane crash          | v.   | to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period  |
| 2. com_____te well with my advisor | v.   | to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals   |
| 3. sw__l at room temperature       | v.   | to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important  |
| 4. b__t my leg                     | v.   | to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc. |
| 5. perfect ex___e                  | n.   | a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt          |
| 6. a me_____l opinion              | adj. | relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine  |
| 7. hi_____us mistake               | adj. | extremely funny   |
| 8. dear ma__m                      | n.   | a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect   |
| 9. take a qu_____on                | n.   | a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker  |

ANSWERS: 1. survive, 2. communicate, 3. swell, 4. bust, 5. excuse, 6. medical, 7. hilarious, 8. madam, 9. quotation

10. cu\_\_\_e up with a book      *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
11. b\_\_y emotion      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
12. h\_\_k a disc      *v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
13. chemical re\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
14. sa\_\_\_\_\_ce anything to get ahead      *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
15. hold your br\_\_\_h      *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
16. barren st\_\_\_e      *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
17. d\_\_y the allegations      *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 10. cuddle, 11. bury, 12. huck, 13. reaction, 14. sacrifice, 15. breath, 16. steppe, 17. deny

18. a working co\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
19. in no un\_\_\_\_\_r terms                      *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
20. op\_\_\_\_\_st by nature                      *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
21. stellar ac\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
22. help di\_\_\_\_\_t food                      *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down
23. wild goose ch\_\_\_e                      *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
24. genic com\_\_\_\_\_ons                      *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
25. pe\_\_\_\_\_y with fear                      *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
26. small ch\_\_\_h                      *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 18. companion, 19. unclear, 20. optimist, 21. accretion, 22. digest, 23. chase, 24. combination, 25. petrify, 26. church

27. vi\_\_\_m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
28. id\_\_t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
29. pro\_\_\_\_\_nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
30. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
31. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
32. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
33. ti\_\_\_\_\_c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
34. s\_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
35. double qu\_\_\_\_\_on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
36. aff\_\_\_\_\_on agreement *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization

ANSWERS: 27. victim, 28. idiot, 29. professional, 30. suppose, 31. disappear, 32. investigate, 33. titanic, 34. sew, 35. quotation, 36. affiliation



37. sh\_\_\_k with fear  
*v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
38. co\_\_\_y rodeo  
*n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle
39. op\_\_d section  
*adj.* denoting or relating to a piece of writing or article that expresses the author's opinion or point of view on a particular topic, usually published in a newspaper or magazine on the page opposite the editorial page
40. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy  
*adj.* existing only in someone's mind
41. a li\_\_\_\_\_e character  
*adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
42. to\_\_\_\_\_ce for risk  
*n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
43. collaborate with co\_\_\_\_\_ues  
*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
44. h\_\_n of a vehicle  
*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 37. shrink, 38. cowboy, 39. op-ed, 40. imaginary, 41. likable, 42. tolerance, 43. colleague, 44. horn

45. Rep\_\_\_\_\_an party      *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
46. wa\_\_z music      *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
47. op\_\_d columnist      *adj.* denoting or relating to a piece of writing or article that expresses the author's opinion or point of view on a particular topic, usually published in a newspaper or magazine on the page opposite the editorial page
48. 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
49. ch\_\_\_h bell      *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
50. ab\_\_\_b energy      *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
51. in\_\_\_\_\_e heat      *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 45. republican, 46. waltz, 47. op-ed, 48. backstage, 49. church, 50. absorb, 51. intense





69. wr\_\_\_\_\_ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
70. ju\_\_\_\_\_e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
71. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
72. b\_\_l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
73. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
74. de\_\_\_\_\_e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
75. the tu\_\_\_\_\_l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
76. w\_\_p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
77. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
78. an in\_\_\_\_e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

ANSWERS: 69. wrestling, 70. justice, 71. communal, 72. bull, 73. confer, 74. declare, 75. turmoil, 76. warp, 77. inspire, 78. insane

79. sw\_\_l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
80. ig\_\_\_e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
81. me\_\_l fabrication *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
82. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
83. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
84. the popular ve\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision
85. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
86. have no up\_\_\_e *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
87. d\_\_t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
88. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

ANSWERS: 79. swell, 80. ignite, 81. metal, 82. colleague, 83. optimist, 84. verdict, 85. intellect, 86. upside, 87. dirt, 88. moral

89. a gr\_\_\_\_l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
90. the qu\_\_t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
91. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
92. sh\_\_e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
93. trigger a re\_\_\_\_on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
94. livid br\_\_\_\_e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
95. largest electronic m\_\_l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
96. m\_\_l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
97. h\_\_k a ball *v.* to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently
98. a hi\_\_\_\_us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
99. travel des\_\_\_\_on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 89. gradual, 90. quest, 91. numb, 92. shove, 93. reaction, 94. bruise, 95. mall, 96. mall, 97. huck, 98. hilarious, 99. destination

100. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* now or without delay
101. s\_\_n a document into PDF      *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
102. d\_\_e to take risks      *v.* to have the courage to do something
103. det\_\_\_\_\_ion of a DNA sequence      *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
104. ro\_\_o bull      *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
105. phi\_\_\_\_\_hy of education      *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
106. elegant cu\_\_\_y      *n.* (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy
107. ti\_\_\_\_\_c compound      *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
108. use cell phone rep\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* again and again; many times
109. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process      *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 100. immediately, 101. scan, 102. dare, 103. determination, 104. rodeo, 105. philosophy, 106. curtsy, 107. titanic, 108. repeatedly, 109. gradual



110. org\_\_\_\_\_ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
111. a car-wr\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
112. trees and b\_\_hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
113. r\_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
114. lu\_\_\_\_\_us lifestyle *adj.* characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable
115. str\_\_\_\_\_en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
116. drinking co\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel
117. co\_\_\_\_\_e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
118. delinquent ta\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
119. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
120. a b\_\_h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

ANSWERS: 110. organization, 111. wright, 112. bush, 113. rid, 114. luxurious, 115. straighten, 116. companion, 117. connote, 118. taxpayer, 119. norm, 120. bush

121. 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
122. mo\_\_l burden      *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
123. political con\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
124. ou\_\_\_\_\_e our child      *v.* to live longer than another person
125. on a qu\_\_t for happiness      *n.* a long or challenging search for something
126. vi\_\_\_\_\_pe evidence      *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
127. chronic ki\_\_\_y disease      *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
128. national se\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 121. spirit, 122. moral, 123. convention, 124. outlive, 125. quest, 126. videotape, 127. kidney, 128. security

129. qu\_\_\_\_y for membership      *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
130. pr\_\_\_\_\_nt emeritus      *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
131. the average life s\_\_n      *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
132. de\_\_y a flight three hours      *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
133. a motorcycle ri\_\_r      *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
134. wax a ha\_\_\_\_\_y floor      *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
135. business aff\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
136. sc\_\_m from the scene      *v.* to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor

ANSWERS: 129. qualify, 130. president, 131. span, 132. delay, 133. rider, 134. hallway, 135. affiliation, 136. scram

137. s\_w with thread      *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
138. womanly ho\_\_r      *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (*v.*) to show respect towards someone
139. in\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel      *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
140. r\_\_t control gas      *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
141. a mi\_\_\_\_ty position      *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
142. back f\_n      *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
143. criminal ju\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
144. de\_\_\_\_yed evidence      *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
145. s\_\_n the face of the man      *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 137. sew, 138. honor, 139. inspire, 140. riot, 141. minority, 142. fin, 143. justice, 144. destroy, 145. scan

146. ho\_\_r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
147. a preliminary inv\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
148. a p\_\_l of darkness *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
149. hit an ic\_\_\_\_\_g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
150. an in\_\_\_\_\_nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
151. aw\_\_\_\_\_ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
152. ni\_\_\_\_\_re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
153. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
154. con\_\_\_\_\_ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
155. s\_\_k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
156. a geometric pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 146. honor, 147. investigation, 148. pall, 149. iceberg, 150. innocent, 151. awareness, 152. nightmare, 153. tremendous, 154. confidence, 155. sink, 156. proof



165. cel\_\_\_\_\_ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
166. get r\_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
167. ca\_\_\_\_\_e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
168. pn\_\_\_\_\_ic cylinder *adj.* relating to or using air or gas under pressure, particularly in machinery or devices; operated by compressed air or gas
169. ba\_\_\_\_\_b drain *n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe
170. romantic des\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
171. arm wr\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
172. t\_b for washing *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
173. child we\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
174. skilled car\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system

ANSWERS: 165. celebrated, 166. rid, 167. capture, 168. pneumatic, 169. bathtub, 170. destination, 171. wrestling, 172. tub, 173. welfare, 174. cardiologist

175. pr\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
176. raise public aw\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
177. earlier emotional br\_\_\_\_e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
178. elegant wa\_\_z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
179. t\_\_f fabric *adj.* (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption
180. ill\_\_\_\_\_te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
181. con\_\_\_\_\_on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
182. leather b\_\_t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
183. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 175. probable, 176. awareness, 177. bruise, 178. waltz, 179. tuff, 180. illiterate, 181. convention, 182. belt, 183. numb



184. 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
185. the cr\_\_\_\_or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
186. an artificial ki\_\_\_\_y *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
187. re\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
188. development of the ne\_\_\_\_s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
189. the way of Ca\_\_\_\_y *n.* a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice
190. aircraft wr\_\_\_\_t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
191. b\_\_t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
192. vice-pr\_\_\_\_nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 184. bond, 185. creditor, 186. kidney, 187. relation, 188. nervous, 189. Calvary, 190. wright, 191. belt, 192. president

193. me\_\_\_\_\_nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
194. the head of a ha\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
195. 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
196. cel\_\_\_\_\_ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
197. mo\_\_\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
198. nontechnical as\_\_\_\_\_ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
199. magnetic st\_\_\_\_l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
200. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
201. inv\_\_\_\_\_te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
202. a man of pr\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
203. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
204. di\_\_\_\_\_t information *v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

ANSWERS: 193. merchant, 194. hallway, 195. communicate, 196. celebrated, 197. modern, 198. aspect, 199. steel, 200. relation, 201. investigate, 202. property, 203. intense, 204. digest

205. western phi\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
206. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
207. first-aid tr\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.
208. 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
209. thousands of in\_\_\_\_\_nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
210. p\_\_m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
211. co\_\_y confidence *adj.* overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance
212. go in\_\_\_e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
213. d\_\_e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
214. lingering bit\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 205. philosophy, 206. communal, 207. treatment, 208. fin, 209. innocent, 210. poem, 211. cocky, 212. insane, 213. dare, 214. bitterness

215. in\_\_\_e population *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
216. b\_\_l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
217. temporary me\_\_\_\_\_l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
218. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
219. 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
220. diverse sc\_\_\_m system *v.* to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor
221. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
222. agricultural org\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
223. small sa\_\_\_\_\_ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 215. inmate, 216. bull, 217. medical, 218. silent, 219. spirit, 220. scram, 221. excite, 222. organization, 223. sacrifice

224. a steely det\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
225. ta\_\_\_\_\_er money *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
226. de\_\_\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
227. a\_\_a singer *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
228. a narrative p\_\_m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
229. in\_\_\_\_\_te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
230. spice r\_\_k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
231. drop a cu\_\_\_\_\_y to express respect *n.* (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy

ANSWERS: 224. determination, 225. taxpayer, 226. define, 227. aria, 228. poem, 229. institute, 230. rack, 231. curtsy

232. d\_\_t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
233. ou\_\_\_\_e its usefulness *v.* to live longer than another person
234. pe\_\_\_\_y into stone *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
235. su\_\_\_\_e an argument *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level
236. pr\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
237. f\_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
238. ab\_\_\_b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
239. r\_\_t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
240. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
241. su\_\_\_\_e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
242. im\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
243. an interstate hi\_\_\_\_y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
244. the museum's co\_\_\_\_se *n.* a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection

ANSWERS: 232. dirt, 233. outlive, 234. petrify, 235. subside, 236. probable, 237. fee, 238. absorb, 239. riot, 240. violent, 241. survive, 242. imaginary, 243. highway, 244. concourse

245. b\_\_y in the earth      *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
246. cu\_\_\_e buddy      *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
247. de\_\_\_e my position      *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
248. Ca\_\_\_\_\_y Chapel      *n.* a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice
249. rep\_\_\_\_\_an ideology      *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
250. what an id\_\_t      *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
251. precious me\_\_l      *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
252. cr\_\_y about cars and racing      *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
253. co\_\_\_y boots      *n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

ANSWERS: 245. bury, 246. cuddle, 247. define, 248. Calvary, 249. republican, 250. idiot, 251. metal, 252. crazy, 253. cowboy

254. im\_\_\_\_e painting styles      *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
255. ri\_\_r to a bill      *n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message
256. t\_p keyboard with an index finger      *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
257. a sl\_\_e of drink      *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
258. airport co\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection
259. br\_\_\_h of wind      *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
260. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect      *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
261. p\_t a dog      *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

ANSWERS: 254. imitate, 255. rider, 256. tap, 257. slave, 258. concourse, 259. breath, 260. negative, 261. pat



262. certified pro\_\_\_\_\_nal secretary      *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
263. li\_\_\_\_\_e personality      *adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
264. he confessed dra\_\_\_\_\_lly      *adv.* in a very impressive manner
265. be in j\_\_l      *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
266. p\_t on the back      *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
267. a we\_\_\_\_\_e state      *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
268. the t\_p of a paintbrush      *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
269. ex\_\_\_e for inaction      *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
270. ig\_\_\_e a boom      *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
271. the cabin pressure fell dra\_\_\_\_\_lly      *adv.* in a very impressive manner
272. ro\_\_o championship      *n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding

ANSWERS: 262. professional, 263. likable, 264. dramatically, 265. jail, 266. pat, 267. welfare, 268. tip, 269. excuse, 270. ignite, 271. dramatically, 272. rodeo

273. tr\_\_\_a question *n.* details or information that are unimportant
274. die su\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
275. mat\_\_\_\_\_tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
276. im\_\_\_\_\_e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
277. curtain r\_d *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
278. rep\_\_\_\_\_ly nod *adv.* again and again; many times
279. de\_\_y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
280. tr\_\_\_\_\_nt by diet *n.* the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.
281. clothing r\_\_k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

ANSWERS: 273. trivia, 274. suddenly, 275. materialistic, 276. imitate, 277. rod, 278. repeatedly, 279. delay, 280. treatment, 281. rack

282. sh\_\_e hamburger into my mouth      *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
283. underlying bit\_\_\_\_\_ss      *n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant
284. dude ra\_\_h      *n.* a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house
285. qu\_\_\_\_\_y as a candidate      *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
286. eat or\_\_\_\_\_c food      *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
287. si\_\_\_\_\_ck his attention      *v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course
288. vague no\_\_\_n      *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
289. use one thing con\_\_\_\_\_sly      *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

ANSWERS: 282. shove, 283. bitterness, 284. ranch, 285. qualify, 286. organic, 287. sidetrack, 288. notion, 289. continuously

290. local ane\_\_\_\_\_ia                    *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
291. ma\_\_m speaker                    *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
292. p\_\_l of sadness                    *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
293. igneous t\_\_f                    *adj.* (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption
294. cattle ra\_\_h                    *n.* a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house
295. service f\_e                    *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
296. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances                    *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
297. car\_\_\_\_\_ist appointment                    *n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
298. co\_\_\_\_\_e symbolism                    *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 290. anesthesia, 291. madam, 292. pall, 293. tuff, 294. ranch, 295. fee, 296. efficient, 297. cardiologist, 298. connote

299. give the waiter a t\_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
300. religious to \_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
301. st\_\_l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
302. political tu\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
303. a life r\_\_t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
304. tr\_\_\_\_\_ng hazards *adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination
305. fo\_\_\_e a baby *v.* to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact
306. the s\_\_n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 299. tip, 300. tolerance, 301. steel, 302. turmoil, 303. raft, 304. tripping, 305. fondle, 306. span

307. vi\_\_\_\_t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
308. st\_\_\_e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
309. jury ve\_\_\_\_t *n.* an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision
310. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
311. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
312. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
313. su\_\_\_\_\_e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
314. sw\_\_\_\_\_w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 307. violent, 308. steppe, 309. verdict, 310. tremendous, 311. AI, 312. silent, 313. suppose, 314. swallow

315. or\_\_\_\_c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
316. become w\_\_ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
317. an isolated f\_\_t *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
318. human in\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
319. rewind vi\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
320. com\_\_\_\_on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
321. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
322. a cr\_\_y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
323. ca\_\_\_\_e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
324. con\_\_\_\_sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
325. de\_\_\_\_e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

ANSWERS: 315. organic, 316. warp, 317. fort, 318. intellect, 319. videotape, 320. combination, 321. confer, 322. crazy, 323. capture, 324. continuously, 325. declare

326. 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
327. site of the ex\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
328. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
329. a sl\_\_e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
330. permanent br\_\_n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
331. str\_\_\_\_\_en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
332. a lot of ex\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
333. pe\_\_\_\_\_t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

ANSWERS: 326. backstage, 327. explosion, 328. immediately, 329. slave, 330. brain, 331. straighten, 332. explosion, 333. pervert



334. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
335. an un\_\_\_\_r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
336. hi\_\_\_\_y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
337. documentary pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
338. 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
339. se\_\_\_\_ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
340. a r\_\_t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
341. number of mi\_\_\_\_ty students *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
342. a handle of h\_\_n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 334. excite, 335. unclear, 336. highway, 337. proof, 338. bond, 339. security, 340. raft, 341. minority, 342. horn

343. f\_\_t gate *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
344. hu\_\_\_\_g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
345. dramatic a\_\_a *n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment
346. r\_d cell *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
347. mai\_\_\_\_\_am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
348. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
349. in\_\_\_e rights *n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
350. se\_\_\_\_\_te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
351. bankrupt cr\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
352. chemical pr\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 343. fort, 344. humming, 345. aria, 346. rod, 347. mainstream, 348. sink, 349. inmate, 350. segregate, 351. creditor, 352. property

353. as\_\_\_ts of social, political, and economic life      *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
354. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number      *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
355. cultural n\_\_\_m      *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
356. research in\_\_\_\_\_tes      *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
357. fo\_\_\_e a pet      *v.* to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact
358. sh\_\_\_k the tumor      *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
359. r\_\_\_r children      *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
360. market up\_\_\_e      *n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something
361. a sw\_\_\_\_\_w tail      *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
362. AI expert      *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 353. aspect, 354. negative, 355. norm, 356. institute, 357. fondle, 358. shrink, 359. rear, 360. upside, 361. swallow, 362. AI

363. the scope of an inv\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
364. get ne\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
365. computer-ill\_\_\_\_\_te      *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
366. agricultural me\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
367. co\_\_\_y behavior      *adj.* overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance
368. island ac\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
369. county j\_\_\_l      *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
370. the r\_\_\_r gate      *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
371. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
372. have a ni\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
373. su\_\_\_r bad grades      *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 363. investigation, 364. nervous, 365. illiterate, 366. merchant, 367. cocky, 368. accretion, 369. jail, 370. rear, 371. suddenly, 372. nightmare, 373. suffer

374. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
375. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
376. su\_\_\_\_\_e after a short time *v.* to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

ANSWERS: 374. brain, 375. disappear, 376. subside

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.  
*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
2. 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
3. Don't let small setbacks \_\_\_\_\_ you from achieving your long-term goals.  
*v.* to divert or deflect from the main topic or goal; to cause someone or something to take a different direction or course
4. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.  
*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
5. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.  
*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
6. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
7. I was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the moment on film.  
*v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
8. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 1. ignited, 2. spirit, 3. sidetrack, 4. moral, 5. swelling, 6. sew, 7. capture, 8. colleague

9. The top three teams in this tournament \_\_\_\_\_ for the Olympics.  
*v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
10. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a \_\_\_\_\_ goal.  
*adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
11. The ship's hull was \_\_\_\_\_ from years of use in rough seas.  
*v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.  
*n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
13. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ with my dog on the couch after a long day.  
*v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
14. His thinking is \_\_\_\_\_ in the country's culture.  
*n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
15. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.  
*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
16. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 9. qualify, 10. materialistic, 11. warped, 12. notion, 13. cuddle, 14. mainstream, 15. probable, 16. Communal

17. The young girl performed a graceful \_\_\_\_\_ after her ballet recital.  
*n.* (also "curtsey") a formal gesture of respect or deference, especially performed by women, involving bending the knees with one foot behind the other and lowering the body slightly; a show of politeness or courtesy
18. The news of the tragedy cast a \_\_\_\_\_ over the entire community.  
*n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
19. It is important not to undertake tasks with \_\_\_\_\_ objectives to improve productivity.  
*adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
20. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.  
*adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
21. He used a fishing \_\_\_\_\_ to catch the biggest fish of the day.  
*n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
22. 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
23. The band was \_\_\_\_\_ out old songs in response to audience requests.  
*v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

ANSWERS: 17. curtsy, 18. pall, 19. unclear, 20. violent, 21. rod, 22. backstage, 23. belting



24. He included a \_\_\_\_\_ from the book in his essay.  
*n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
25. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
26. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
27. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.  
*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
28. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
29. He is still \_\_\_\_\_ stealing the money from the cash register.  
*v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
30. A great \_\_\_\_\_ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.  
*n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
31. The comedian's stand-up routine was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* extremely funny
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.  
*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 24. quotation, 25. awareness, 26. excited, 27. suddenly, 28. numb, 29. denying, 30. poem, 31. hilarious, 32. humming

33. The stone \_\_\_\_\_ was built to protect the city from invading forces.  
*n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
34. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
35. The rubber \_\_\_\_\_ was swept out to sea.  
*n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
36. They met at biennial \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
37. The building's \_\_\_\_\_ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.  
*n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
38. I claim on my \_\_\_\_\_ that it is true.  
*n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
39. The thought of public speaking will \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
40. The dancers practiced the steps of the \_\_\_\_\_ meticulously to perfect their performance.  
*n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

ANSWERS: 33. fort, 34. crazy, 35. raft, 36. conventions, 37. security, 38. honor, 39. petrify, 40. waltz

41. His \_\_\_\_\_ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.  
*n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
42. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
43. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
44. The prison implemented a new educational program for \_\_\_\_\_ to learn skills and prepare for life after release.  
*n.* a person who is confined to an institution such as a prison, hospital, or mental health facility
45. The bull rider held on tightly during the \_\_\_\_\_ event.  
*n.* a public exhibition of cowboy skills, particularly in North America, featuring events such as calf-roping, steer wrestling, and bull riding
46. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.  
*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
47. We \_\_\_\_\_ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.  
*v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
48. This region has many \_\_\_\_\_ offering higher education.  
*n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 41. determination, 42. intense, 43. intellect, 44. inmates, 45. rodeo, 46. excuse, 47. delayed, 48. institutes

49. I will introduce some \_\_\_\_\_ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
50. His professional experience includes all \_\_\_\_\_ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
51. Many \_\_\_\_\_ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
- n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
52. She gently \_\_\_\_\_ the kitten's soft fur.
- v.* to touch, stroke, or caress someone or something lovingly, gently, or tenderly; to show affection through physical contact
53. He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person who makes friends easily.
- adj.* having qualities that make a person or thing well-liked or attractive; pleasant, friendly, or enjoyable
54. He \_\_\_\_\_ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.
- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
55. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
56. The player quickly went to the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the defender.
- adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

ANSWERS: 49. tips, 50. aspects, 51. republican, 52. fondled, 53. likable, 54. imitated, 55. silent, 56. rear

57. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

58. He stood to inherit a million-dollar \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

59. Despite attending school, he remained \_\_\_\_\_ and unable to read or write.

*adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

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

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

61. Many people see the \_\_\_\_\_ of traveling as an opportunity to experience new cultures and broaden their horizons.

*n.* the positive aspect or potential of something; the upper side of something

62. He acted like an \_\_\_\_\_ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

*n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

63. To expand the company, we must \_\_\_\_ new human resources.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 57. modern, 58. property, 59. illiterate, 60. norms, 61. upside, 62. idiot, 63. tap, 64. steppe

65. The sponge \_\_\_\_\_ water well.

- v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

66. I was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the frisbee across the field to my friend.

- v. to throw or toss something quickly or carelessly; to promote or sell something aggressively or persistently

67. Some ethnic \_\_\_\_\_ groups experienced discrimination in society.

- n. the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

68. \_\_\_\_\_ is better than argument.

- n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

69. Skill and \_\_\_\_\_ are an unconquered army.

- n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

70. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.

- v. to cease to exist or be visible

71. The farmer raised a \_\_\_\_\_ on his ranch for breeding purposes.

- n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

72. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

- v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

ANSWERS: 65. absorbs, 66. huck, 67. minority, 68. Proof, 69. confidence, 70. disappear, 71. bull, 72. bust

73. She stood on the podium and \_\_\_\_\_ an audience.

- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

74. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

75. The lawyer's \_\_\_\_ for the case was \$10,000.

- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

76. The horse \_\_\_\_\_ won first place in the equestrian competition.

- n.* a clause, amendment, or stipulation added to a legal document or bill; a person who rides on or operates a vehicle or animal; a person who travels a specified distance on horseback to deliver a message

77. The city's homeless shelter has become a \_\_\_\_\_ of hardships for those with nowhere else to go.

- n.* a hill outside of Jerusalem where Jesus Christ was crucified, or a representation of this as a symbol of Christian faith; a place of great suffering or sacrifice

78. She was living in a \_\_\_\_\_ apartment in the city.

- adj.* characterized by or affording something excessively expensive; rich and comfortable

79. I wouldn't \_\_\_\_ to speak to him like that.

- v.* to have the courage to do something

80. You should work hard but not be a \_\_\_\_\_ to it.

- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 73. scanned, 74. negative, 75. fee, 76. rider, 77. Calvary, 78. luxurious, 79. dare, 80. slave

81. I need to buy a new coat \_\_\_\_\_ to organize my winter jackets.

- n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

82. The country's domestic coal consumption has been \_\_\_\_\_ declining for decades.

- adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

83. He bated his \_\_\_\_\_ when talking about this affair.

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

84. I'm going to take the \_\_\_\_\_ to get to my destination faster.

- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

85. She \_\_\_\_\_ her husband for many years.

- v.* to live longer than another person

86. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ to evacuate the building when the fire alarm went off.

- v.* to leave or depart quickly, often hurriedly or chaotically; to go away suddenly or abruptly; to move or act in a frenzied or disorganized way; (noun) an emergency shutdown of a nuclear reactor

87. 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

88. He slightly modified the \_\_\_\_\_ of training because it was just before a match.

- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 81. rack, 82. continuously, 83. breath, 84. highway, 85. outlived, 86. scrambled, 87. bond, 88. span



89. Her dog is her excellent \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person or an animal with whom you spend a lot of time, or you travel

90. The ship encountered a series of \_\_\_\_\_ and had to change its course.

*n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

91. We have never before conducted a legitimate \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

92. The hotel's grand \_\_\_\_\_ welcomed guests with a stunning chandelier.

*n.* a large open space or area, typically found in a public building, where people gather or pass through; a crowd or assembly of people; a junction or intersection

93. There was a chemical \_\_\_\_\_ of the lime with the groundwater.

*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

94. This bridge is the third largest \_\_\_\_\_ bridge in the world.

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

95. Most babies can readily \_\_\_\_\_ a wide variety of foods.

*v.* to transform food into absorbable substances; break down

96. I asked the lawyer to initiate \_\_\_\_\_ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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

ANSWERS: 89. companion, 90. icebergs, 91. investigation, 92. concourse, 93. reaction, 94. steel, 95. digest, 96. creditor

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

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

98. She struggled for years to survive without \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

99. You cannot accomplish great things without a \_\_\_\_\_ of your time or money.

*n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

100. I \_\_\_\_\_ my anger and kept quiet.

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

101. He had always been interested in sumo \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to try it.

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

102. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

103. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

104. The committee \_\_\_\_\_ several apparent inconsistencies.

*v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 97. imaginary, 98. welfare, 99. sacrifice, 100. swallowed, 101. wrestling, 102. philosophy, 103. quest, 104. investigated

105. His \_\_\_\_\_ attitude often got him in trouble with his coworkers.

*adj.* overly confident or arrogant; having an excessive belief in one's abilities or importance

106. The mechanic used a \_\_\_\_\_ drill to repair the engine.

*adj.* relating to or using air or gas under pressure, particularly in machinery or devices; operated by compressed air or gas

107. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

108. She had a \_\_\_\_\_ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

*n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

109. The police escorted the prisoner to the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

110. Foreign goods from abroad must be \_\_\_\_\_ to customs when entering a country.

*v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

111. The \_\_\_\_\_ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

112. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 105. cocky, 106. pneumatic, 107. tremendous, 108. bruise, 109. jail, 110. declared, 111. medical, 112. horns

113. He suffers from \_\_\_\_\_ breakdowns.

*adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

114. The \_\_\_\_\_ hat she wore added to her rugged and tough look.

*n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

115. 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

116. I like to take a long soak in the \_\_\_\_ after a long day.

*n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body

117. The kidney is an \_\_\_\_\_ component of the body.

*adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

118. He is in general \_\_\_\_\_ under the surgeon.

*n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

119. The \_\_\_\_\_ ship sank on its maiden voyage.

*adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

120. Three \_\_\_\_\_ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

*adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes

ANSWERS: 113. nervous, 114. cowboy, 115. professional, 116. tub, 117. organic, 118. anesthesia, 119. titanic, 120. celebrated

121. The rock was formed by the slow \_\_\_\_\_ of sediments over millions of years.  
*n.* the process of gradual growth or accumulation, particularly of layers or matter building up over time; the result of such a process
122. He claims that his legitimate requests were \_\_\_\_\_ ignored.  
*adv.* again and again; many times
123. This shirt will \_\_\_\_\_ in the wash.  
*v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
124. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.  
*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
125. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.  
*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
126. He forcibly \_\_\_\_\_ the flyer into my bag.  
*v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
127. 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
128. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.  
*n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

ANSWERS: 121. accretion, 122. repeatedly, 123. shrink, 124. sink, 125. rid, 126. shoved, 127. communicate, 128. riots

129. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

130. She was a skilled \_\_\_\_\_ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

*n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

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

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

132. The word 'home' \_\_\_\_\_ a sense of warmth and comfort.

*v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

133. The \_\_\_\_\_ piece offered a unique perspective on the political situation.

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

134. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

*v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

135. The construction worker used a \_\_\_\_\_ saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

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

136. The surgeon removed the healthy \_\_\_\_\_ from the donor.

*n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

ANSWERS: 129. gradual, 130. wright, 131. innocent, 132. connotes, 133. op-ed, 134. destroyed, 135. metal, 136. kidney

137. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
138. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
139. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
140. Many people go to the shopping \_\_\_\_\_ to socialize and spend time with friends.
- n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
141. She has a wide variety of knowledge of pop \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. details or information that are unimportant
142. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.
- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
143. The cowboys rode their horses through the dusty trails of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house
144. The storm \_\_\_\_\_ leaving the town in peace.
- v. to become less intense or widespread; to sink to a lower level

ANSWERS: 137. chased, 138. define, 139. brain, 140. mall, 141. trivia, 142. inspired, 143. ranch, 144. subsided,

145. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
146. As a \_\_\_\_\_ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.
- n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
147. 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
148. Her \_\_\_\_\_ with the political party helped her to win the election.
- n.* the act of joining or associating with a particular group or organization; a connection or relationship with a particular group or organization
149. She is a confident \_\_\_\_\_ who always looks on the bright side.
- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
150. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my hair before I go to the party.
- v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
151. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
152. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 145. victim, 146. taxpayer, 147. fins, 148. affiliation, 149. optimist, 150. straighten, 151. suppose, 152. church



153. The school board decided to \_\_\_\_\_ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
154. Her \_\_\_\_\_ laughter echoed through the room, spreading contagious joy to everyone present.
- adj.* describing a state of mind or perception characterized by altered or distorted sensory experiences, often as a result of taking drugs or psychedelics; stumbling or faltering while walking or moving, often due to a loss of balance or coordination
155. Her excessive demands drove me \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
156. He dashed down a \_\_\_\_\_ to a bathroom.
- n.* an interior passage or corridor onto which rooms open
157. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* now or without delay
158. We watched a \_\_\_\_\_ of our family vacation from years ago.
- n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
159. The club \_\_\_\_\_ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
160. I am going to trim this \_\_\_\_\_ off.
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

ANSWERS: 153. segregate, 154. tripping, 155. insane, 156. hallway, 157. immediately, 158. videotape, 159. president, 160. bush

161. She is the president of a large international \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

162. Life as a waiter was a big \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

*n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

163. Life expectancy has grown \_\_\_\_\_ this century.

*adv.* in a very impressive manner

164. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the safe was a secret.

*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

165. She \_\_\_\_\_ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

*v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

166. The \_\_\_\_\_ they felt towards each other prevented any chance of reconciliation.

*n.* a strong and persistent feeling of resentment, hostility, or anger; a state of being bitter or having a sour taste; the quality or taste of something sharp or unpleasant

167. A broken gas pipe triggered the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

168. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of \_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 161. organization, 162. nightmare, 163. dramatically, 164. combination, 165. patted, 166. bitterness, 167. explosion, 168. AI

169. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of \_\_\_\_\_ and fairness.  
*n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
170. My grandfather is seeing a \_\_\_\_\_ to monitor his heart condition.  
*n.* a medical doctor who specializes in the study and treatment of the heart and the circulatory system
171. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
172. The school's diversity program aimed to promote \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding among the students.  
*n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
173. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
174. The new washing machine is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one.  
*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
175. The Court of Appeals upheld the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an official opinion or decision made in a civil or criminal case or an inquest (= an inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death); the findings of a jury on issues of fact submitted to it for decision

ANSWERS: 169. justice, 170. cardiologist, 171. confer, 172. tolerance, 173. relations, 174. efficient, 175. verdict

176. I filled the \_\_\_\_\_ with hot water and a bubble bath for a relaxing soak.

- n.* a large container, typically made of porcelain or acrylic, for holding water in which a person can bathe

177. The hiker climbed the \_\_\_\_\_ hill with great difficulty.

- adj.* (an informal variant spelling of "tough") resilient, durable, or strong; having a rough or rugged appearance; (noun, of geology) a type of rock that's made up of volcanic ash ejected from a vent during a volcanic eruption

178. The soprano performed an emotional \_\_\_\_\_ that brought the audience to tears.

- n.* a song that is performed solo by a singer in an opera or oratorio, often with instrumental accompaniment

179. The primary purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_ is pain relief.

- n.* the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.

180. I am excited to reach my \_\_\_\_\_ and explore the new city finally.

- n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

181. The company experienced financial \_\_\_\_\_ after the CEO was arrested.

- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

182. The teacher warned the students not to \_\_\_\_\_ the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

- v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

ANSWERS: 176. bathtub, 177. tuff, 178. aria, 179. treatment, 180. destination, 181. turmoil, 182. pervert

183. 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

184. These birds can only \_\_\_\_\_ in temperate climates.

- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

185. This shipping company has several hundred \_\_\_\_\_ ships.

- n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

186. \_\_\_\_\_ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

- n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

187. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

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

188. The garden was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be tilled before planting.

- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

ANSWERS: 183. suffers, 184. survive, 185. merchant, 186. Madam, 187. bury, 188. dirt