

ENGLISH PLUS

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PRACTICE WORKSHEETS



WORD POWER

GIANTS OF THE DESERT

Vocabulary Builder 25 | Giants of the Desert

Listed below are the keywords included in this episode.

1. **accelerate** (v.) to speed up, cause to move faster; to bring about more quickly
2. **bystander** (n.) one who looks on or observes, a person present but not taking part
3. **canvass** (v.) to go through an area in order to procure votes, sales, or opinions; to go over in detail; to discuss
4. **casual** (adj.) happening by chance or on an irregular basis; showing little concern; informal
5. **downtrodden** (adj.) treated unfairly and cruelly, oppressed
6. **entice** (v.) to attract, tempt
7. **erode** (v.) to wear away gradually, eat away
8. **flounder** (v.) to thrash about in a clumsy or ineffective way
9. **graphic** (adj.) lifelike, vivid; relating to the pictorial arts
10. **gruesome** (adj.) horrible, revolting, ghastly
11. **melancholy** (adj.) sad, gloomy, unhappy; (n.) sadness, gloominess
12. **ordeal** (n.) a difficult or painful experience, a trial
13. **parch** (v.) to make dry and thirsty; to shrivel with heat
14. **persist** (v.) to continue steadily in a course of action, refuse to stop or be changed; to last, remain
15. **puny** (adj.) of less than normal strength or size; of no importance
16. **quibble** (v.) to evade or belittle a point by twisting words or raising minor objections; (n.) a petty objection
17. **ratify** (v.) to approve, give formal approval to, confirm
18. **regal** (adj.) royal, kinglike; fit for a king
19. **stifle** (v.) to smother, prevent from breathing; to hold back or choke off
20. **vital** (adj.) having life, living; necessary to life, essential; key, crucial

For each question below a number of similar words appear, but only one is spelled correctly and matches the clue that is provided. Write the letter of the correctly spelled word in the space by the question number.

21. ___ a. QWIBBLE b. QUIBLE c. QUIBBEL d. QUIBBLE
(v.) to evade or belittle a point by twisting words or raising minor objections; (n.) a petty objection
22. ___ a. GRAPHIK b. GRAPHIC c. GRAPHEC d. GRRAPHIC
(adj.) lifelike, vivid; relating to the pictorial arts
23. ___ a. ERRODE b. ERODE c. ROD d. IRODE
(v.) to wear away gradually, eat away
24. ___ a. CANVASS b. CANVESS c. CANNVASS d. CANVAS
(v.) to go through an area in order to procure votes, sales, or opinions; to go over in detail; to discuss
25. ___ a. ACCELIRATE b. ACCELERATE c. ACCLRAT d. ACCELEREAT
(v.) to speed up, cause to move faster; to bring about more quickly
26. ___ a. CASUAW b. CASAUL c. CASUAL d. CASUALE
(adj.) happening by chance or on an irregular basis; showing little concern; informal
27. ___ a. PUNI b. PUNE c. PUNEE d. PUNY
(adj.) of less than normal strength or size; of no importance
28. ___ a. RAGAL b. REGGAL c. REGAL d. REGEL
(adj.) royal, kinglike; fit for a king
29. ___ a. MELANCHOLY b. MELANCHOLE c. MELANCHOLI d. MALANCHOLY
(adj.) sad, gloomy, unhappy; (n.) sadness, gloominess
30. ___ a. VITAL b. VITTAL c. VITALL d. VETAL
(adj.) having life, living; necessary to life, essential; key, crucial
31. ___ a. PERCH b. PARCH c. PARRCH d. PARCHE
(v.) to make dry and thirsty; to shrivel with heat
32. ___ a. STIFLE b. STIFL c. STTIFLE d. STIFEL
(v.) to smother, prevent from breathing; to hold back or choke off
33. ___ a. ENTIKE b. ENTICE c. ENTISE d. INTICE
(v.) to attract, tempt
34. ___ a. PERSIST b. PERRSIST c. PERSISTE d. PIRSIST
(v.) to continue steadily in a course of action, refuse to stop or be changed; to last, remain
35. ___ a. FLOUNDIR b. FLONDER c. FLOUNDR d. FLOUNDER
(v.) to thrash about in a clumsy or ineffective way

36. ___ a. ORDEL b. ORDEAL c. ORDAIL d. ORDEIL
(n.) a difficult or painful experience, a trial
37. ___ a. GRUESOM b. GRUSOM c. GRUESOME d. GROOSOME
(adj.) horrible, revolting, ghastly
38. ___ a. DOWNTRODEN b. DOUNTRODDEN c. DOWNTRODDAN d. DOWNTRODDEN
(adj.) treated unfairly and cruelly, oppressed
39. ___ a. BYSTANRER b. BYSTANDER c. BYSTANDIR d. BYSTANDAR
(n.) one who looks on or observes, a person present but not taking part
40. ___ a. RATIFI b. RATIFFY c. RATIFE d. RATIFY
(v.) to approve, give formal approval to, confirm

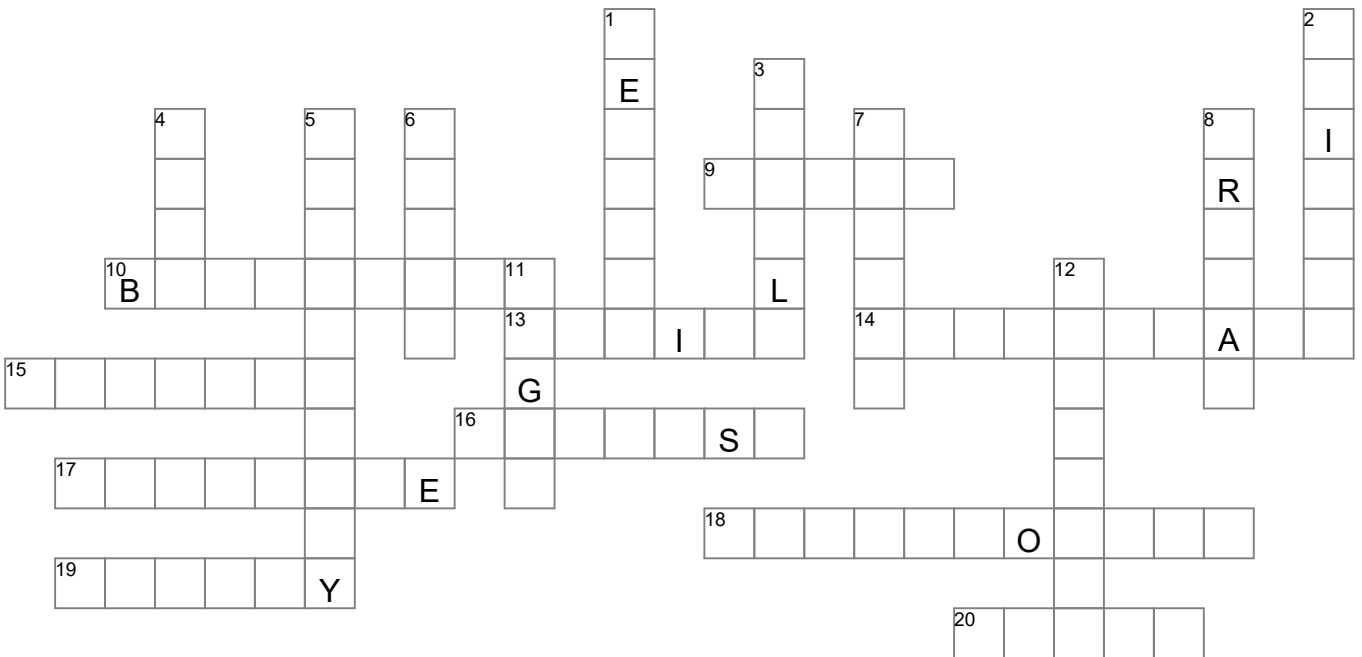
Provide the word that best matches each clue.

41. _____ Synonyms: step up, quicken, hasten | Antonyms: slow down, retard, decelerate
42. _____ Synonyms: observer, spectator, onlooker | Antonyms: active participant
43. _____ Synonyms: poll, survey, solicit
44. _____ Synonyms: accidental, haphazard, offhand | Antonyms: formal, serious, premediated, intentional
45. _____ Synonyms: mistreated, ground underfoot | Antonyms: uplifted, liberated
46. _____ Synonyms: lure, beguile | Antonyms: nauseate, sicken, revolt, repel
47. _____ Synonyms: corrode, abrade | Antonyms: nurture, promote, encourage
48. _____ Synonyms: wallow, struggle
49. _____ Synonyms: lively, colorful, descriptive | Antonyms: dull, boring, unrealistic, colorless
50. _____ Synonyms: gory, hideous, grisly | Antonyms: pleasant, delightful, appealing
51. _____ Synonyms: depressed, dejected; depression, dejection | Antonyms: merry, cheerful, happy; joy, elation
52. _____ Synonyms: test, hardship | Antonyms: pleasure, cinch
53. _____ Synonyms: dry up, dehydrate, desiccate | Antonyms: soak, drench, saturate, waterlog
54. _____ Synonyms: persevere, keep at it, endure | Antonyms: give up, discontinue
55. _____ Synonyms: undersized, pint-size, small, weak | Antonyms: gigantic, mammoth, brawny, robust

- 56. _____ Synonyms: nitpick, split hairs, cavil; squabble
- 57. _____ Synonyms: endorse, sanction, uphold | Antonyms: cancel, repeal, annul, veto
- 58. _____ Synonyms: majestic, stately, princely, august | Antonyms: lowly, humble, abject, servile
- 59. _____ Synonyms: strangle, suppress, snuff | Antonyms: nurture, promote, encourage
- 60. _____ Synonyms: indispensable, fundamental | Antonyms: nonessential, unnecessary

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| E. ratify | F. persist | G. ordeal | H. flounder |
| I. accelerate | J. erode | K. melancholy | L. casual |
| M. gruesome | N. canvass | O. graphic | P. stifle |
| Q. puny | R. regal | S. bystander | T. downtrodden |

61. **Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.**



ACROSS

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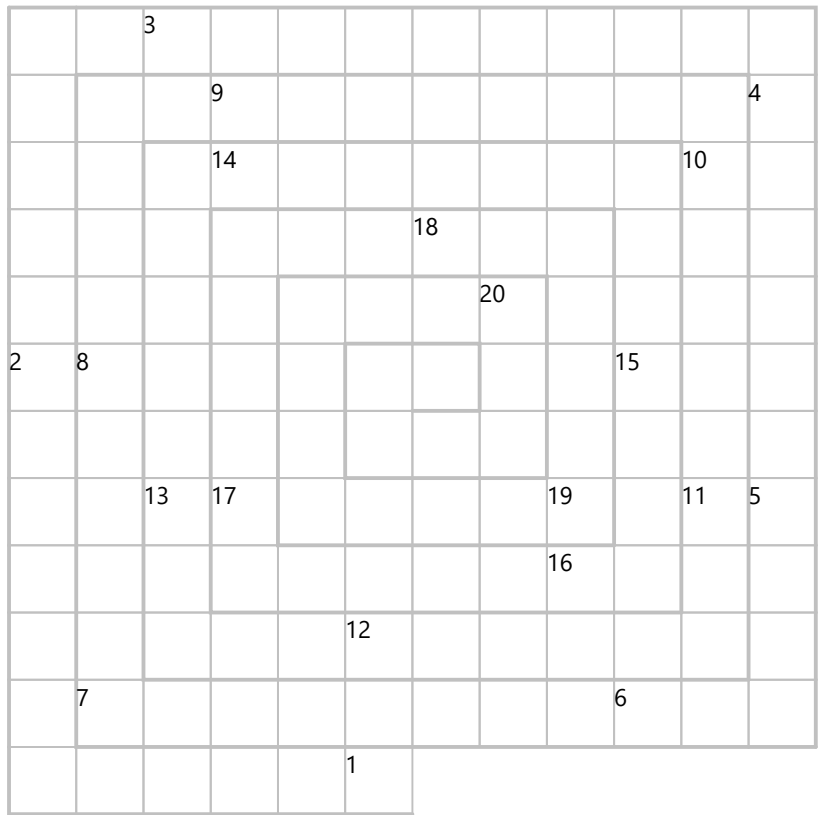
13. To _____ someone to go somewhere or to do something means to try to persuade them to go to that place or to do that thing.
14. If the process or rate of something _____s or if something _____s it, it gets faster and faster.
15. If you say that a description or account of something unpleasant is _____, you are emphasizing that it is clear and detailed. | Graphic means concerned with drawing or pictures, especially in publishing, industry, or computing.
16. If you _____ for a particular person or political party, you go around an area trying to persuade people to vote for that person or party.
17. Something that is _____ is extremely unpleasant and shocking.
18. People who are _____ are treated very badly by people with power, and do not have the ability or the energy to do anything about it.
19. When national leaders or organizations _____ a treaty or written agreement, they make it official by giving their formal approval to it, usually by signing it or voting for it.
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Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

62. ___ To _____ shoppers into the store, salespersons were giving away coupons for free gifts.
a. entice b. puny c. gruesome d. quibble e. erode
63. ___ The fields of Oklahoma were _____ed by drought in the 1930s.
a. parch b. casual c. regal d. melancholy e. vital
64. ___ The legislatures of three fourths of the states must _____ an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
a. accelerate b. entice c. persist d. downtrodden e. ratify
65. ___ Let's not _____ over details.
a. graphic b. quibble c. stifle d. ordeal e. canvass
66. ___ The hikers needed to _____ their pace once it became clear that it would soon rain.
a. canvass b. ordeal c. bystander d. flounder e. accelerate
67. ___ Storms and mud slides _____d the road so that eventually it became impassable.
a. ratify b. downtrodden c. graphic d. regal e. erode
68. ___ A witness gave the reporter a _____ account of the destruction caused by the tornado.
a. quibble b. bystander c. graphic d. flounder e. puny
69. ___ Most of the immigrants at Ellis Island represented the _____ masses yearning to be free.
a. melancholy b. parch c. accelerate d. gruesome e. downtrodden
70. ___ The treaty is of _____ importance to the security of our nation.
a. erode b. vital c. stifle d. entice e. persist

71. ___ It must have been the gloom of the house and the steady rain that made me feel so _____.
a. downtrodden b. parch c. casual d. vital e. melancholy
72. ___ The students volunteered to _____ the neighborhood for our candidate.
a. ratify b. persist c. canvass d. quibble e. regal
73. ___ The _____ crime rocked the ordinarily quiet neighborhood.
a. gruesome b. flounder c. stifle d. bystander e. entice
74. ___ The _____ who witnessed the collision gave his statement to the police.
a. casual b. bystander c. accelerate d. gruesome e. ordeal
75. ___ The two families pooled their resources to give the bride and groom a truly _____ wedding.
a. canvass b. puny c. graphic d. erode e. regal
76. ___ The climbers were exhausted by the _____.
a. erode b. vital c. ordeal d. flounder e. stifle
77. ___ A _____ remark made by the mayor was taken out of context and used against him by the press.
a. ordeal b. persist c. puny d. gruesome e. casual
78. ___ After suffering much damage in the storm, the small craft was left to _____ about helplessly.
a. quibble b. melancholy c. flounder d. bystander e. ratify
79. ___ The wrestler let out a coarse burst of laughter when his _____ opponent entered the ring.
a. puny b. downtrodden c. entice d. graphic e. parch
80. ___ Despite stern warnings from their doctor, the brothers _____ed in their bad habits.
a. canvass b. accelerate c. casual d. regal e. persist
81. ___ Unable to _____ her anger, the sculptor lashed out at her harshest critic.
a. regal b. graphic c. ordeal d. casual e. stifle

82. Numbered clues appear below the spiral grid. Determine the word that matches the clue, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. The word does not overlap with the next word (marked by the next number) and it must be written in the correct direction (from a lower numbered space to a higher numbered space).



1. Although these workers were _____ in their native land, in the United States they are entitled to a fair wage and safe working conditions.
2. How can he _____ in denying that he was at the scene of the crime when several people saw him there?
3. The sled _____d with alarming speed as it went down the steep slope.
4. According to Greek mythology, the Sirens used their remarkable singing voices to _____ unwary sailors to watery graves.
5. After an hour of trudging along the dusty road under the hot sun, we were so _____ed that all we could think of was cold water.
6. The _____ sight that greeted my eyes at the scene of that awful traffic accident gave me nightmares for weeks.
7. Regular visits to the dentist are _____ if you wish to have healthy, good-looking teeth.
8. Since the twins' birthday party is by no means a formal affair, _____ clothing is in order.
9. When the inexperienced swimmer realized that he was in very deep water, he panicked and began to _____ about wildly.
10. As soon as he learned that he was to play the king in the play, his whole personality took on an almost _____ air.
11. If you were spending your own money, rather than mine, you would be more inclined to _____ over the price of the repairs.
12. In our environment class, we learned that in much of the United States, the topsoil has been badly _____d by natural forces.

13. As we fought the forest fire, we were practically _____d by the extreme heat and heavy smoke.
14. He now claims that he was just an innocent _____, but I saw him actually taking part in the fight.
15. Though the new halfback looked a little _____ to us, he managed to hold his own against players twice his size and build.
16. At that tender age I was so shy that I found it a/an _____ to be introduced to people I'd never met before.
17. He gave us a clear, detailed, and _____ picture of what is likely to happen if we fail to come to grips with the pollution problem.
18. The President's powers in foreign affairs are limited by the fact that any treaty he may negotiate must be _____(ed) by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.
19. Some poets are at their best when dealing with happy events, while others seem to prefer the more _____ side of life.
20. A group of reporters from the local TV station _____ed our district for reactions to the proposed changes in the law.

83. **Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.**

ACROSS

2. "How can you compare a union employee," the factory owner asked, "to the _____ serfs and slaves of earlier times?"
6. In a democracy, the average citizen should be an active participant in public affairs, not just a quiet _____.
7. It is hard to believe that this sturdy, six-foot basketball star was a _____ 100-pounder only a few years ago.

DOWN

1. In spite of the bright sunshine and the happy crowds, a strange mood of _____ seemed to take possession of me.
3. Instead of continuing to _____, we must decide on a goal and start to move toward it.
4. When I asked you what you meant by those words, I wasn't _____(ing) but trying to discover what the problem was.
5. In spite of all the setbacks we have had, we must _____ in our efforts to achieve the goal we have set for ourselves.

10. Aided by diagrams on the chalkboard she gave a summary of her plan so clear and _____ that it won the full support of the audience.
14. Do her efforts to _____ our departure mean that she is trying to help us, or get rid of us?
15. I find your offer most _____(ing), but my better judgment tells me to have nothing to do with it.
16. The soundness of the basic ideas of the U.S. Constitution has been _____(ed) by the experience of more than 200 years.
17. After weeks of no rain, the _____ed earth turned to dust that was blown away by the strong winds.
18. She made what proved to be a _____ mistake when she gave the job to one of the applicants without checking his references.
19. With her _____ bearing and imperious manner, Elizabeth I looked every inch the queen she in fact was.
20. I think it showed bad judgment on your part to tell such a _____ story to a child who is so easily frightened.
8. No doubt he has our best interests at heart, but my faith in him has been _____d by repeated evidence of his poor judgment.
9. If you have prepared properly for the exams, there will be no reason to regard them as a terrible _____.
11. The assistant principal _____ed the faculty for ways of improving the educational standards of the school.
12. The dictator used fear and violence to _____ discontent among the people he ruled.
13. You will never do well in school so long as your attitude toward your studies remains _____ and unconcerned.

84. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

S	O	J	K	O	N	K	O	H	G	L	F	Z	C	O	Z	E	N	F	P
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Remember words from Earlier Vocabulary Builder Episodes

85. *Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.*

The crossword puzzle grid consists of 46 numbered starting points for clues. The grid is a mix of horizontal and vertical lines. Some letters are already filled in, and some cells are shaded grey. The numbers are as follows:

- 1: Down
- 2: Down
- 3: Across (V)
- 4: Down
- 5: Down
- 6: Down (W)
- 7: Across
- 8: Down
- 9: Across
- 10: Across
- 11: Across (M)
- 12: Across
- 13: Across (I)
- 14: Down (O)
- 15: Across
- 16: Across (L)
- 17: Down (O)
- 18: Down (R)
- 19: Down (S)
- 20: Across
- 21: Across (G)
- 22: Down (O)
- 23: Down (O)
- 24: Down (L)
- 25: Down (O)
- 26: Across
- 27: Across (R)
- 28: Across (E)
- 29: Down (O)
- 30: Across (E)
- 31: Down (O)
- 32: Down (S)
- 33: Down (A)
- 34: Down (T)
- 35: Down (X)
- 36: Down (A)
- 37: Across
- 38: Down (L)
- 39: Down (O)
- 40: Across (B)
- 41: Down (O)
- 42: Across (S)
- 43: Across
- 44: Across
- 45: Across
- 46: Across

ACROSS

3. Despite the fact that she has no official title of any kind, she has become the _____ director of the company.
7. When he gets in one of those _____ moods, he is as unreasonable and unpleasant as a cranky child.
9. (adj.) harsh, shrill; unpleasant sounding
11. Though the UN has many lesser objectives, its _____ goal is to achieve lasting world peace.
13. (adj.) impossible to understand
15. True to military tradition, the victors are now treating themselves to the _____ of war.
20. Imagine someone as changeable as George having the nerve to say that I'm _____.
21. Synonym: "will demand swift (revenge)"
22. (v.) to stop short and refuse to go on; to refuse abruptly; to prevent from happening; (n.) (in baseball) an illegal motion made by a pitcher
25. (v.) to worship as an idol, make an idol of; to love very much
26. I didn't want to _____ the feeling of the hotel manager, but I felt that I had to complain about the miserable service.
27. If something _____s a place or thing, it is a noticeable feature throughout it.
30. (v.) to bring before a court of law for trial; to carry out
32. If you know that you are later for school, why do you _____ along as though you had all the time in the world?
33. (n.) a being that must eventually die; (adj.) of or relating to such a being; causing death, fatal; possible, conceivable
37. Just how and why two people fall in love is a/an _____ that no scientist has ever been able to explain.
39. (v.) to act or work clumsily and awkwardly; to ruin something through clumsiness
40. Before we use the blowtorch in our industrial arts class, we are required to take the _____ of wearing goggles.
41. The lawyer made the point that her client had been at the scene of the crime before the murder but not _____ to it.
43. (v) to express definitely or systematically; to devise, invent; to state as a formula
44. We may not be able to _____ crime in our community, but if we go about it in the right way, I am sure we can reduce it greatly.
45. (adj.) rounded and plump; full or rich in sound
46. When I realized how deeply I had hurt my friend with my careless insult, I suffered a pang of _____.

DOWN

1. The applicants for the job will have to _____ up in an orderly way and wait their turns to be interviewed.
2. Our carefully laid plans were completely _____ed by a sudden and totally unexpected turn of events.
4. In most respects she is a fine person, but excessive stubbornness is the one important _____ in her character.
5. The advertising agency was looking to hire a creative person with a _____ personality.
6. We tried to hold Tom steady, but he _____d with pain as the doctor put splints on his broken leg.
8. (v.) to satisfy the needs of, try to make things easy and pleasant; to supply food and service
10. When I saw a big "A" on my term paper in English, I felt that I had been fully _____d for all my hours of hard work.
12. What do you think the United States should do when its representatives are _____ed and held for ransom?
14. The old custom of celebrating the Fourth of July with a fireworks display still _____ in many American towns.
16. In the old days, wooden battleships saluted their victorious admiral by repeatedly firing _____ of cannon shot from their decks.
17. The last thing I heard before falling asleep was the _____ of their voices as they continued their endless discussion of politics.
18. It is fortunate for lovers of the arts that painting and opera still _____ in Italy.
19. (adj.) greedy; very hungry; eager for satisfaction
23. Those books which do not fit logically under any of the subjects indicated will be placed in a group labeled "_____."
24. A little courtesy can do much to _____ the machinery of our everyday social life.
27. (v.) to keep doing something in spite of difficulties; to refuse to quit even when the going is tough
28. The settlement of the American West is one of the great _____s of world history.
29. Instead of seeking personal _____ for the wrong that has been done to you, why don't you look for justice under the law?
31. Why is that bid, _____ fellow in the ad always kicking sand into the face of the 98-pound weakling?
33. (n.) the greatest possible amount or degree; (adj.) reaching the greatest possible amount or degree
34. You cannot ignore me for months on end and then take it for granted that I will be _____ whenever you want me.
35. In Shakespeare's day, an actor who displeased the audience might find himself _____ed with a barrage of rotten vegetables.

36. "If that _____ young hothead had followed my orders to the letter." The general remarked sourly, "we wouldn't be in this fix!"
38. (v.) to struggle successfully against; to prove to be a match for, deal with satisfactorily; (n.) a long religious cloak; a canopy
40. Many an artist whose work has been overlooked in his or her own lifetime has had to trust to _____ for appreciation.
41. Marathon runners need a great deal of _____.
42. (adj.) difficult to catch or to hold; hard to explain or understand

Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

86. ____ (n.) an event resulting in death; an accidental death
a. prominent b. nurture c. fatality d. optional e. outstrip
87. ____ Only the _____ repeal of this unfair nuisance tax will satisfy the voters.
a. quaint b. retrieve c. limber d. outright e. catastrophe
88. ____ a sequence of events that is imagined, assumed, or suggested
a. scan b. scenario c. panorama d. fluster e. replica
89. ____ Nothing can _____ my thirst better than a tall glass of ice water.
a. amalgamate b. prescribe c. generate d. buffoon e. slake
90. ____ (v.) to make twisting or turning movements in a way that suggests pain or struggle
a. relish b. retaliate c. writhe d. pervade e. encounter
91. ____ In devising the Constitution, the Founding Fathers sought to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our _____."
a. revocation b. logical c. posterity d. dupe e. sodden
92. ____ (n.) one who flees or runs away; (adj.) fleeting, lasting a very short time; wandering; difficult to grasp
a. inhabitant b. fugitive c. mimic d. figment e. capsize
93. ____ When she said she would "turn the other cheek," she simply meant that she would not _____ for the injury done to her.
a. befuddle b. prowl c. audition d. retaliate e. sanctuary
94. ____ The principal asked the students not to hang around in front of the houses and other buildings _____ to the school.
a. manacle b. pending c. adjacent d. manipulate e. presume
95. ____ Our supervisor prepared a/an _____ that reminded the salespeople of the procedures to be followed during the holiday season.
a. memorandum b. bluster c. supplement d. meteoric e. deter
96. ____ We scorn all those who would deliberately bend the truth and _____ history in order to suit the political needs of their day.
a. keepsake b. adjacent c. stupefied d. distort e. maul
97. ____ (n.) something seen in advance; (v.) to view beforehand
a. scenario b. expend c. preview d. spirited e. paradox

98. ___ The City Council has approved funds for a new playground, but we expect a _____ of several months before construction begins.
a. grimy b. lag c. fugitive d. contemporary e. verify
99. ___ (adj.) very dirty, covered with dirt or soot
a. allegiance b. insinuate c. indignant d. grimy e. balk
100. ___ I can understand that you want to be witty and amusing but take care not to give everyone the impression that you're a mere _____.
a. format b. abstain c. buffoon d. repent e. idolize
101. ___ Antonym: "began to (admire) the new leader's policies"
a. detest b. earmark c. nimble d. oration e. proficient
102. ___ The eyewitness was _____ to tell the police all that she had seen, but we convinced her that it was the only right thing to do.
a. motivate b. impassable c. hypocrite d. burly e. reluctant
103. ___ Despite people's best efforts to remain young looking, skin will eventually _____.
a. authorize b. wither c. substantial d. virtual e. giddy
104. ___ (v.) to walk slowly, stroll; (n.) an easy pace; a leisurely walk
a. quash b. hurtle c. indulge d. eject e. amble
105. ___ My idea of a/an _____ is a person who gives advice that he or she is not willing to follow.
a. pelt b. hypocrite c. browse d. affluence e. detest
106. ___ During times of economic hardship, many people have only a _____ standard of living.
a. ovation b. fossil c. marginal d. brood e. conserve
107. ___ (v.) to approve or permit; to give power or authority to
a. amiss b. luster c. authorize d. stumbling e. makeshift
108. ___ Probably no _____ in American history is so well known and loved as Lincoln's address on the battlefield of Gettysburg.
a. reverie b. writhe c. oration d. constrain e. immense
109. ___ Antonym: "had no (subsequent) arrests"
a. self-seeking b. amble c. prior d. detract e. headstrong
110. ___ Antonym: "remained a very (obscure) playwright"
a. docile b. prominent c. snare d. parody e. pessimist
111. ___ (v.) to throw doubt upon, cause to be distrusted; to damage in reputation; (n.) a loss or lack of belief, confidence, or reputation
a. anonymous b. maximum c. discredit d. initiative e. resourceful
112. ___ His scheme to make money by preparing term papers for other students is not only completely _____ but immoral as well.
a. compliant b. inflammable c. illicit d. prior e. assailant
113. ___ Many people say that they become quite _____ when they look down from the top of a tall building.
a. scrimp b. designate c. perjury d. poised e. giddy

114. ___ Her ability to _____ the words and gestures of prominent Americans makes her an excellent comic impressionist.
a. optimist b. parody c. alight d. memorandum e. queue
115. ___ (v.) to make very angry, enrage
a. atrocity b. remnant c. infuriate d. entrepreneur e. preview
116. ___ As soon as she took over the office of Mayor, she was _____d by dozens of people eager to get city jobs.
a. prosecute b. fatality c. dishearten d. forsake e. interminable
117. ___ Since she has a large family, she finds it necessary to _____ her income by working at a second job at night and on weekends.
a. unflagging b. blight c. frustrate d. supplement e. bungle
118. ___ Abraham Lincoln had very little formal schooling, but his mind was _____d by such great works as the Bible and the plays of Shakespeare.
a. endear b. intensive c. cringe d. responsive e. nurture
119. ___ The jogger was injured by an unknown _____ who left him immobile at the side of the road.
a. unscathed b. assailant c. eradicate d. portray e. humdrum
120. ___ If something _____s a place or thing, it is a noticeable feature throughout it.
a. pervade b. trivial c. incalculable d. distort e. elusive
121. ___ Her argument was so _____ that she convinced us that her solution to the math problem was the correct one.
a. ambiguous b. marginal c. scurry d. boisterous e. logical
122. ___ As soon as 300-pound Horace settled down in that delicate little chair, we realized he should have something more _____ to sit on.
a. hazard b. posterity c. customary d. dispatch e. substantial
123. ___ (v.) to handle or use skillfully; to manage or control for person gain or advantage
a. avenge b. reluctant c. manipulate d. wither e. topple
124. ___ You can't _____ me against my will.
a. ordain b. disinterested c. wistful d. vacate e. constrain
125. ___ Because of our inexperience and haste, we _____d the little repair job so badly that it became necessary to replace the entire motor.
a. alliance b. taskmaster c. anecdote d. lag e. bungle
126. ___ Though we are still the leading producers of various industrial products, other countries are catching up fast and may soon _____ us.
a. depict b. inimitable c. induce d. outstrip e. slake
127. ___ None of the foreign governments is willing to take any definite action _____ the outcome of our national election.
a. illicit b. discredit c. pending d. agenda e. persevere
128. ___ A _____ is an unexpected event that causes great suffering or damage.
a. gloat b. catastrophe c. data d. abnormal e. nub

129. ___ Each of the items on the _____ for our meeting today will probably require a good deal of discussion.
a. agenda b. misapprehension c. animated d. fidelity e. engulf
130. ___ (adj.) difficult to catch or to hold; hard to explain or understand
a. onslaught b. elusive c. downright d. perishable e. skimp
131. ___ (n.) one who expects things to turn out for the best; someone who looks on the bright side of things
a. dogged b. optimist c. consolidate d. prudent e. rend
132. ___ I plan to save this old notebook as a/an _____ of one of the best and most enjoyable classes I have ever had.
a. infuriate b. plague c. restrict d. keepsake e. underscore
133. ___ (adj.) flexible; (v.) to cause to become flexible
a. wrath b. responsive c. forsake d. null and void e. limber
134. ___ Financiers are planning to _____ various businesses in the United States and England into one huge multinational corporation.
a. detest b. abnormal c. amalgamate d. manipulate e. plague
135. ___ As the day of the big game approached, our practice sessions became more and more _____.
a. intensive b. skimp c. dogged d. prosecute e. memorandum
136. ___ (n.) the taking of the first step or move; the ability to act without being directed or urged from the outside
a. initiative b. detract c. spirited d. prescribe e. parody
137. ___ (adj.) able to deal promptly and effectively with all sorts of problems; clever in finding ways and means of getting along
a. hurtle b. resourceful c. perishable d. pending e. quaint
138. ___ Once order had been restored, the leaders of the opposition called for the _____ of martial law.
a. indulge b. revocation c. dupe d. burly e. virtual
139. ___ (v.) to get revenge for, get even for, settle a score; to punish someone or get satisfaction for a wrong or injury
a. avenge b. underscore c. queue d. paradox e. engulf
140. ___ (v.) to stop short and refuse to go on; to refuse abruptly; to prevent from happening;
(n.) (in baseball) an illegal motion made by a pitcher
a. resourceful b. prudent c. incalculable d. wrath e. balk
141. ___ something invented or imaginary
a. atrocity b. sodden c. figment d. writhe e. inflammable
142. ___ The Mayor had to choose between _____ to his political party and his judgment of what was best for the city.
a. supplement b. elusive c. scurry d. optimist e. allegiance
143. ___ (v.) to crush, put down completely
a. quash b. marginal c. audition d. snare e. alliance

144. ___ We were pleasantly surprised to see that she completed the difficult task we had given her with neatness and _____.
a. contemporary b. downright c. nurture d. dispatch e. ordain
145. ___ No one _____es being reminded of his or her mistakes, but if you are wise you will try to learn from such criticism.
a. relish b. designate c. fluster d. entrepreneur e. maul
146. ___ This tragic news could _____ the stillness and peace he is enjoying at the moment.
a. impassable b. amalgamate c. bluster d. rend e. adjacent
147. ___ What is the best way to _____ students to undertake challenging work?
a. topple b. indignant c. boisterous d. motivate e. fugitive
148. ___ (n.) a trial hearing for a performer; (v.) to conduct or perform such a hearing
a. retrieve b. agenda c. bungle d. audition e. depict
149. ___ Because she is usually so _____, we were all surprised when she said that she didn't like our plans and wouldn't accept them.
a. animated b. fidelity c. keepsake d. compliant e. prominent
150. ___ The wily champion used every tennis trick she knew to _____ her opponent's attempts to come to the net and hit a winner.
a. discredit b. outstrip c. stumbling d. giddy e. frustrate
151. ___ Something that is _____ is attractive because it is unusual and old-fashioned.
a. inimitable b. posterity c. preview d. scan e. quaint
152. ___ I will try not to _____ about winning a scholarship to music camp.
a. misapprehension b. sanctuary c. gloat d. ovation e. expend
153. ___ (adj.) cautious, careful, showing good sense
a. scenario b. allegiance c. prudent d. motivate e. oration
154. ___ No matter what you may say, you cannot _____ me to do something that I know is wrong.
a. induce b. manacle c. abstain d. quash e. rend
155. ___ (v.) to preserve; to keep from being damaged, lost, or wasted; to save
a. unflagging b. wistful c. conserve d. customary e. balk
156. ___ Their music _____s a lifestyle that no longer exists.
a. endear b. portray c. maximum d. outright e. persevere
157. ___ (v.) to turn bottom side up, upset
a. constrain b. capsize c. induce d. encounter e. humdrum
158. ___ (adv.) thoroughly; (adj.) absolute, complete; frank, blunt
a. inhabitant b. hazard c. idolize d. eject e. downright
159. ___ She hopes to win the election by convincing voters that the city's troubles result from the _____ policies of the present Mayor.
a. stumbling b. repent c. frustrate d. amiss e. makeshift
160. ___ (adj.) fair-minded, free from selfish motives; indifferent
a. disinterested b. format c. befuddle d. capsize e. restrict

161. ___ I will remember how often during my childhood I felt the full force of my parents' _____ when I had done something wrong.
a. revocation b. avenge c. wrath d. consolidate e. gloat
162. ___ After four days of steady rainfall, the _____ ground actually gurgled as we trudged wearily over it.
a. retaliate b. sodden c. buffoon d. null and void e. earmark
163. ___ (n.) an enthusiastic public welcome, an outburst of applause
a. dispatch b. ovation c. authorize d. limber e. unscathed
164. ___ Though I hadn't expected to be treated quite so unkindly by the audience, I didn't become _____ed or lost my professional cool.
a. taskmaster b. remnant c. amble d. anecdote e. fluster
165. ___ No doubt our antipollution program will be expensive, but the cost of doing nothing would be simply _____.
a. cringe b. fossil c. insinuate d. incalculable e. pervade
166. ___ Mr. Roth, the librarian, cracks down hard on _____ students.
a. presume b. substantial c. dishearten d. illicit e. boisterous
167. ___ Since coal was formed from the decayed bodies of plants that lived many millions of years ago, it is considered a kind of _____ fuel.
a. fossil b. onslaught c. wither d. meteoric e. deter
168. ___ If you say that something is _____, you mean there is something wrong.
a. prowl b. generate c. amiss d. proficient e. slake
169. ___ SYNONYMS: outdo, outperform, outdistance, surpass ANTONYMS: trail, lag behind
a. prior b. pessimist c. anonymous d. outstrip e. compliant
170. ___ After the officials had put a stop to the fight that had broken out, they _____ed the offending players from the game.
a. eject b. verify c. scrimp d. optional e. alight
171. ___ The young man who seemed so quiet and _____ turned out to be very well informed and to have strong opinions of his own.
a. docile b. blight c. figment d. infuriate e. distort
172. ___ In his many years in Congress, he has been _____ mainly by a strong desire to help the underdogs in our community.
a. animated b. initiative c. browse d. forsake e. mimic
173. ___ We were so _____ by the bad news that for a few moments we just sat there without moving or speaking.
a. trivial b. assailant c. stupefied d. fatality e. disinterested
174. ___ Although we are sure that the prisoners will make no attempt to escape, the law requires us to place _____s on them.
a. docile b. manacle c. brood d. nub e. immense
175. ___ No matter how talented you may be, you will never be successful unless you learn to _____ in what you undertake.
a. catastrophe b. perjury c. ambiguous d. lag e. persevere

176. ___ Alaska enjoys _____ natural resources, but its severe climate makes those resources difficult to use.
a. vacate b. reverie c. immense d. affluence e. replica
177. ___ The boat has been so badly _____ed by the storm that it will have to be overhauled before it can be used again.
a. interminable b. maul c. self-seeking d. pelt e. relish
178. ___ The new book of presidential _____s contains many amusing stories involving our Chief Executives, both past and present.
a. intensive b. anecdote c. conserve d. grimy e. headstrong
179. ___ The painter chose to _____ a plain prairie landscape using bold colors and shadows.
a. reluctant b. portray c. data d. depict e. stupefied
180. ___ When the naughty children heard their mother's footsteps approaching, they quickly _____(ed) back to bed.
a. nimble b. scurry c. poised d. eradicate e. hypocrite
181. ___ They set a trap to _____ the rodents that were getting into the garden.
a. oration b. luster c. panorama d. logical e. snare
182. ___ When the salesclerk replied rudely to my polite inquiry about the price of the garment, I became a bit _____.
a. responsive b. indignant c. dispatch d. depict e. abnormal
183. ___ The applicants for the job will have to _____ up in an orderly way and wait their turns to be interviewed.
a. constrain b. detest c. wither d. format e. queue
184. ___ It is far better to know you are ignorant of something than to act on the basis of wrong information and _____s.
a. ordain b. abstain c. misapprehension d. revocation e. hypocrite
185. ___ As a result of the record-breaking snowstorm, all roads in the area became _____.
a. audition b. scan c. eradicate d. impassable e. allegiance

186. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

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precaution	prescribe	facet	gory	detest
prescribe	rend	detest	upheaval	domestic
culminate	alliance	portray	generate	accommodate
goad	outstrip	responsive	fray	deter
optimist	impassable	firebrand	prevaricate	panorama
gloat	amiss	capsize	wither	scant
dawdle	hazard	vicious	mimic	misgiving
dynamic	strapping	wholesome	terrain	tribute
ovation	wistful	salvo	trivial	beacon
encounter	utmost	clarity	confer	maze

Vocabulary Builder 25 | Giants of the Desert

Listed below are the keywords included in this episode.

1. **accelerate** (v.) to speed up, cause to move faster; to bring about more quickly
2. **bystander** (n.) one who looks on or observes, a person present but not taking part
3. **canvass** (v.) to go through an area in order to procure votes, sales, or opinions; to go over in detail; to discuss
4. **casual** (adj.) happening by chance or on an irregular basis; showing little concern; informal
5. **downtrodden** (adj.) treated unfairly and cruelly, oppressed
6. **entice** (v.) to attract, tempt
7. **erode** (v.) to wear away gradually, eat away
8. **flounder** (v.) to thrash about in a clumsy or ineffective way
9. **graphic** (adj.) lifelike, vivid; relating to the pictorial arts
10. **gruesome** (adj.) horrible, revolting, ghastly
11. **melancholy** (adj.) sad, gloomy, unhappy; (n.) sadness, gloominess
12. **ordeal** (n.) a difficult or painful experience, a trial
13. **parch** (v.) to make dry and thirsty; to shrivel with heat
14. **persist** (v.) to continue steadily in a course of action, refuse to stop or be changed; to last, remain
15. **puny** (adj.) of less than normal strength or size; of no importance
16. **quibble** (v.) to evade or belittle a point by twisting words or raising minor objections; (n.) a petty objection
17. **ratify** (v.) to approve, give formal approval to, confirm
18. **regal** (adj.) royal, kinglike; fit for a king
19. **stifle** (v.) to smother, prevent from breathing; to hold back or choke off
20. **vital** (adj.) having life, living; necessary to life, essential; key, crucial

For each question below a number of similar words appear, but only one is spelled correctly and matches the clue that is provided. Write the letter of the correctly spelled word in the space by the question number.

21. d a. QWIBBLE b. QUIBLE c. QUIBBEL d. QUIBBLE
(v.) to evade or belittle a point by twisting words or raising minor objections; (n.) a petty objection
22. b a. GRAPHIK b. GRAPHIC c. GRAPHEC d. GRRAPHIC
(adj.) lifelike, vivid; relating to the pictorial arts
23. b a. ERRODE b. ERODE c. ROD d. IRODE
(v.) to wear away gradually, eat away
24. a a. CANVASS b. CANVESS c. CANNVASS d. CANVAS
(v.) to go through an area in order to procure votes, sales, or opinions; to go over in detail; to discuss
25. b a. ACCELIRATE b. ACCELERATE c. ACCLRAT d. ACCELEREAT
(v.) to speed up, cause to move faster; to bring about more quickly
26. c a. CASUAW b. CASAUL c. CASUAL d. CASUALE
(adj.) happening by chance or on an irregular basis; showing little concern; informal
27. d a. PUNI b. PUNE c. PUNEE d. PUNY
(adj.) of less than normal strength or size; of no importance
28. c a. RAGAL b. REGGAL c. REGAL d. REGEL
(adj.) royal, kinglike; fit for a king
29. a a. MELANCHOLY b. MELANCHOLE c. MELANCHOLI d. MALANCHOLY
(adj.) sad, gloomy, unhappy; (n.) sadness, gloominess
30. a a. VITAL b. VITTAL c. VITALL d. VETAL
(adj.) having life, living; necessary to life, essential; key, crucial
31. b a. PERCH b. PARCH c. PARRCH d. PARCHE
(v.) to make dry and thirsty; to shrivel with heat
32. a a. STIFLE b. STIFL c. STTIFLE d. STIFEL
(v.) to smother, prevent from breathing; to hold back or choke off
33. b a. ENTIKE b. ENTICE c. ENTISE d. INTICE
(v.) to attract, tempt
34. a a. PERSIST b. PERRSIST c. PERSISTE d. PIRSIST
(v.) to continue steadily in a course of action, refuse to stop or be changed; to last, remain
35. d a. FLOUNDIR b. FLONDER c. FLOUNDR d. FLOUNDER
(v.) to thrash about in a clumsy or ineffective way

36. b a. ORDEL b. ORDEAL c. ORDAIL d. ORDEIL
(n.) a difficult or painful experience, a trial
37. c a. GRUESOM b. GRUSOM c. GRUESOME d. GROOSOME
(adj.) horrible, revolting, ghastly
38. d a. DOWNTRODEN b. DOUNTRODDEN c. DOWNTRODDAN d. DOWNTRODDEN
(adj.) treated unfairly and cruelly, oppressed
39. b a. BYSTANRER b. BYSTANDER c. BYSTANDIR d. BYSTANDAR
(n.) one who looks on or observes, a person present but not taking part
40. d a. RATIFI b. RATIFFY c. RATIFE d. RATIFY
(v.) to approve, give formal approval to, confirm

Provide the word that best matches each clue.

41. ACCELERATE Synonyms: step up, quicken, hasten | Antonyms: slow down, retard, decelerate
42. BYSTANDER Synonyms: observer, spectator, onlooker | Antonyms: active participant
43. CANVASS Synonyms: poll, survey, solicit
44. CASUAL Synonyms: accidental, haphazard, offhand | Antonyms: formal, serious, premediated, intentional
45. DOWNTRODDEN Synonyms: mistreated, ground underfoot | Antonyms: uplifted, liberated
46. ENTICE Synonyms: lure, beguile | Antonyms: nauseate, sicken, revolt, repel
47. ERODE Synonyms: corrode, abrade | Antonyms: nurture, promote, encourage
48. FLOUNDER Synonyms: wallow, struggle
49. GRAPHIC Synonyms: lively, colorful, descriptive | Antonyms: dull, boring, unrealistic, colorless
50. GRUESOME Synonyms: gory, hideous, grisly | Antonyms: pleasant, delightful, appealing
51. MELANCHOLY Synonyms: depressed, dejected; depression, dejection | Antonyms: merry, cheerful, happy; joy, elation
52. ORDEAL Synonyms: test, hardship | Antonyms: pleasure, cinch
53. PARCH Synonyms: dry up, dehydrate, desiccate | Antonyms: soak, drench, saturate, waterlog
54. PERSIST Synonyms: persevere, keep at it, endure | Antonyms: give up, discontinue
55. PUNY Synonyms: undersized, pint-size, small, weak | Antonyms: gigantic, mammoth, brawny, robust

- 56. QUIBBLE Synonyms: nitpick, split hairs, cavil; squabble
- 57. RATIFY Synonyms: endorse, sanction, uphold | Antonyms: cancel, repeal, annul, veto
- 58. REGAL Synonyms: majestic, stately, princely, august | Antonyms: lowly, humble, abject, servile
- 59. STIFLE Synonyms: strangle, suppress, snuff | Antonyms: nurture, promote, encourage
- 60. VITAL Synonyms: indispensable, fundamental | Antonyms: nonessential, unnecessary

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| A. entice | B. quibble | C. parch | D. vital |
| E. ratify | F. persist | G. ordeal | H. flounder |
| I. accelerate | J. erode | K. melancholy | L. casual |
| M. gruesome | N. canvass | O. graphic | P. stifle |
| Q. puny | R. regal | S. bystander | T. downtrodden |

61. **Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.**

ACROSS

- 9. If you say that something is _____, you mean that it is necessary or very important. | If you describe someone or something as _____, you mean that they are very energetic and full of life.
- 10. A _____ is a person who is present when something happens and who sees it but does not take part in it.

DOWN

- 9. If you say that something is _____, you mean that it is necessary or very important. | If you describe someone or something as _____, you mean that they are very energetic and full of life.
- 10. A _____ is a person who is present when something happens and who sees it but does not take part in it.

13. To _____ someone to go somewhere or to do something means to try to persuade them to go to that place or to do that thing.
14. If the process or rate of something _____s or if something _____s it, it gets faster and faster.
15. If you say that a description or account of something unpleasant is _____, you are emphasizing that it is clear and detailed. | Graphic means concerned with drawing or pictures, especially in publishing, industry, or computing.
16. If you _____ for a particular person or political party, you go around an area trying to persuade people to vote for that person or party.
17. Something that is _____ is extremely unpleasant and shocking.
18. People who are _____ are treated very badly by people with power, and do not have the ability or the energy to do anything about it.
19. When national leaders or organizations _____ a treaty or written agreement, they make it official by giving their formal approval to it, usually by signing it or voting for it.
20. To _____ is to deprive or be deprived of water or to shrivel with heat.

Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

62. a To _____ shoppers into the store, salespersons were giving away coupons for free gifts.
a. entice b. puny c. gruesome d. quibble e. erode
63. a The fields of Oklahoma were _____ed by drought in the 1930s.
a. parch b. casual c. regal d. melancholy e. vital
64. e The legislatures of three fourths of the states must _____ an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
a. accelerate b. entice c. persist d. downtrodden e. ratify
65. b Let's not _____ over details.
a. graphic b. quibble c. stifle d. ordeal e. canvass
66. e The hikers needed to _____ their pace once it became clear that it would soon rain.
a. canvass b. ordeal c. bystander d. flounder e. accelerate
67. e Storms and mud slides _____d the road so that eventually it became impassable.
a. ratify b. downtrodden c. graphic d. regal e. erode
68. c A witness gave the reporter a _____ account of the destruction caused by the tornado.
a. quibble b. bystander c. graphic d. flounder e. puny
69. e Most of the immigrants at Ellis Island represented the _____ masses yearning to be free.
a. melancholy b. parch c. accelerate d. gruesome e. downtrodden
70. b The treaty is of _____ importance to the security of our nation.
a. erode b. vital c. stifle d. entice e. persist

71. e It must have been the gloom of the house and the steady rain that made me feel so _____.
a. downtrodden b. parch c. casual d. vital e. melancholy
72. c The students volunteered to _____ the neighborhood for our candidate.
a. ratify b. persist c. canvass d. quibble e. regal
73. a The _____ crime rocked the ordinarily quiet neighborhood.
a. gruesome b. flounder c. stifle d. bystander e. entice
74. b The _____ who witnessed the collision gave his statement to the police.
a. casual b. bystander c. accelerate d. gruesome e. ordeal
75. e The two families pooled their resources to give the bride and groom a truly _____ wedding.
a. canvass b. puny c. graphic d. erode e. regal
76. c The climbers were exhausted by the _____.
a. erode b. vital c. ordeal d. flounder e. stifle
77. e A _____ remark made by the mayor was taken out of context and used against him by the press.
a. ordeal b. persist c. puny d. gruesome e. casual
78. c After suffering much damage in the storm, the small craft was left to _____ about helplessly.
a. quibble b. melancholy c. flounder d. bystander e. ratify
79. a The wrestler let out a coarse burst of laughter when his _____ opponent entered the ring.
a. puny b. downtrodden c. entice d. graphic e. parch
80. e Despite stern warnings from their doctor, the brothers _____ed in their bad habits.
a. canvass b. accelerate c. casual d. regal e. persist
81. e Unable to _____ her anger, the sculptor lashed out at her harshest critic.
a. regal b. graphic c. ordeal d. casual e. stifle

82. Numbered clues appear below the spiral grid. Determine the word that matches the clue, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. The word does not overlap with the next word (marked by the next number) and it must be written in the correct direction (from a lower numbered space to a higher numbered space).

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1. Although these workers were _____ in their native land, in the United States they are entitled to a fair wage and safe working conditions.
2. How can he _____ in denying that he was at the scene of the crime when several people saw him there?
3. The sled _____d with alarming speed as it went down the steep slope.
4. According to Greek mythology, the Sirens used their remarkable singing voices to _____ unwary sailors to watery graves.
5. After an hour of trudging along the dusty road under the hot sun, we were so _____ed that all we could think of was cold water.
6. The _____ sight that greeted my eyes at the scene of that awful traffic accident gave me nightmares for weeks.
7. Regular visits to the dentist are _____ if you wish to have healthy, good-looking teeth.
8. Since the twins' birthday party is by no means a formal affair, _____ clothing is in order.
9. When the inexperienced swimmer realized that he was in very deep water, he panicked and began to _____ about wildly.
10. As soon as he learned that he was to play the king in the play, his whole personality took on an almost _____ air.
11. If you were spending your own money, rather than mine, you would be more inclined to _____ over the price of the repairs.
12. In our environment class, we learned that in much of the United States, the topsoil has been badly _____d by natural forces.

13. As we fought the forest fire, we were practically _____d by the extreme heat and heavy smoke.
14. He now claims that he was just an innocent _____, but I saw him actually taking part in the fight.
15. Though the new halfback looked a little _____ to us, he managed to hold his own against players twice his size and build.
16. At that tender age I was so shy that I found it a/an _____ to be introduced to people I'd never met before.
17. He gave us a clear, detailed, and _____ picture of what is likely to happen if we fail to come to grips with the pollution problem.
18. The President's powers in foreign affairs are limited by the fact that any treaty he may negotiate must be _____(ed) by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.
19. Some poets are at their best when dealing with happy events, while others seem to prefer the more _____ side of life.
20. A group of reporters from the local TV station _____ed our district for reactions to the proposed changes in the law.

83. **Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.**

ACROSS

2. "How can you compare a union employee," the factory owner asked, "to the _____ serfs and slaves of earlier times?"
6. In a democracy, the average citizen should be an active participant in public affairs, not just a quiet _____.
7. It is hard to believe that this sturdy, six-foot basketball star was a _____ 100-pounder only a few years ago.

DOWN

1. In spite of the bright sunshine and the happy crowds, a strange mood of _____ seemed to take possession of me.
3. Instead of continuing to _____, we must decide on a goal and start to move toward it.
4. When I asked you what you meant by those words, I wasn't _____(ing) but trying to discover what the problem was.
5. In spite of all the setbacks we have had, we must _____ in our efforts to achieve the goal we have set for ourselves.

10. Aided by diagrams on the chalkboard she gave a summary of her plan so clear and _____ that it won the full support of the audience.
14. Do her efforts to _____ our departure mean that she is trying to help us, or get rid of us?
15. I find your offer most _____(ing), but my better judgment tells me to have nothing to do with it.
16. The soundness of the basic ideas of the U.S. Constitution has been _____(ed) by the experience of more than 200 years.
17. After weeks of no rain, the _____ed earth turned to dust that was blown away by the strong winds.
18. She made what proved to be a _____ mistake when she gave the job to one of the applicants without checking his references.
19. With her _____ bearing and imperious manner, Elizabeth I looked every inch the queen she in fact was.
20. I think it showed bad judgment on your part to tell such a _____ story to a child who is so easily frightened.
8. No doubt he has our best interests at heart, but my faith in him has been _____d by repeated evidence of his poor judgment.
9. If you have prepared properly for the exams, there will be no reason to regard them as a terrible _____.
11. The assistant principal _____ed the faculty for ways of improving the educational standards of the school.
12. The dictator used fear and violence to _____ discontent among the people he ruled.
13. You will never do well in school so long as your attitude toward your studies remains _____ and unconcerned.

84. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

S	O	J	K	O	N	K	O	H	G	L	F	Z	C	O	Z	E	N	F	P
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N	K	M	O	R	H	H	H	S	E	L	E	E	R	J	V	Y	E	O	G
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A	O	D	I	P	Z	D	I	K	O	M	V	Z	E	U	T	M	S	X	L
D	D	O	W	N	T	R	O	D	D	E	N	Y	P	L	B	P	C	I	Q
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| vital | stifle | bystander | canvass | accelerate |
| gruesome | quibble | casual | puny | regal |
| puny | persist | entice | ordeal | melancholy |
| melancholy | ratify | downtrodden | accelerate | parch |
| bystander | persist | entice | flounder | graphic |
| flounder | ordeal | quibble | downtrodden | erode |

Remember words from Earlier Vocabulary Builder Episodes

85. **Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.**

ACROSS

3. Despite the fact that she has no official title of any kind, she has become the _____ director of the company.
7. When he gets in one of those _____ moods, he is as unreasonable and unpleasant as a cranky child.
9. (adj.) harsh, shrill; unpleasant sounding
11. Though the UN has many lesser objectives, its _____ goal is to achieve lasting world peace.
13. (adj.) impossible to understand
15. True to military tradition, the victors are now treating themselves to the _____ of war.
20. Imagine someone as changeable as George having the nerve to say that I'm _____.
21. Synonym: "will demand swift (revenge)"
22. (v.) to stop short and refuse to go on; to refuse abruptly; to prevent from happening; (n.) (in baseball) an illegal motion made by a pitcher
25. (v.) to worship as an idol, make an idol of; to love very much
26. I didn't want to _____ the feeling of the hotel manager, but I felt that I had to complain about the miserable service.
27. If something _____s a place or thing, it is a noticeable feature throughout it.
30. (v.) to bring before a court of law for trial; to carry out
32. If you know that you are later for school, why do you _____ along as though you had all the time in the world?
33. (n.) a being that must eventually die; (adj.) of or relating to such a being; causing death, fatal; possible, conceivable
37. Just how and why two people fall in love is a/an _____ that no scientist has ever been able to explain.
39. (v.) to act or work clumsily and awkwardly; to ruin something through clumsiness
40. Before we use the blowtorch in our industrial arts class, we are required to take the _____ of wearing goggles.
41. The lawyer made the point that her client had been at the scene of the crime before the murder but not _____ to it.
43. (v) to express definitely or systematically; to devise, invent; to state as a formula
44. We may not be able to _____ crime in our community, but if we go about it in the right way, I am sure we can reduce it greatly.
45. (adj.) rounded and plump; full or rich in sound
46. When I realized how deeply I had hurt my friend with my careless insult, I suffered a pang of _____.

DOWN

1. The applicants for the job will have to _____ up in an orderly way and wait their turns to be interviewed.
2. Our carefully laid plans were completely _____ed by a sudden and totally unexpected turn of events.
4. In most respects she is a fine person, but excessive stubbornness is the one important _____ in her character.
5. The advertising agency was looking to hire a creative person with a _____ personality.
6. We tried to hold Tom steady, but he _____d with pain as the doctor put splints on his broken leg.
8. (v.) to satisfy the needs of, try to make things easy and pleasant; to supply food and service
10. When I saw a big "A" on my term paper in English, I felt that I had been fully _____d for all my hours of hard work.
12. What do you think the United States should do when its representatives are _____ed and held for ransom?
14. The old custom of celebrating the Fourth of July with a fireworks display still _____ in many American towns.
16. In the old days, wooden battleships saluted their victorious admiral by repeatedly firing _____ of cannon shot from their decks.
17. The last thing I heard before falling asleep was the _____ of their voices as they continued their endless discussion of politics.
18. It is fortunate for lovers of the arts that painting and opera still _____ in Italy.
19. (adj.) greedy; very hungry; eager for satisfaction
23. Those books which do not fit logically under any of the subjects indicated will be placed in a group labeled "_____."
24. A little courtesy can do much to _____ the machinery of our everyday social life.
27. (v.) to keep doing something in spite of difficulties; to refuse to quit even when the going is tough
28. The settlement of the American West is one of the great _____s of world history.
29. Instead of seeking personal _____ for the wrong that has been done to you, why don't you look for justice under the law?
31. Why is that bid, _____ fellow in the ad always kicking sand into the face of the 98-pound weakling?
33. (n.) the greatest possible amount or degree; (adj.) reaching the greatest possible amount or degree
34. You cannot ignore me for months on end and then take it for granted that I will be _____ whenever you want me.
35. In Shakespeare's day, an actor who displeased the audience might find himself _____ed with a barrage of rotten vegetables.

36. "If that _____ young hothead had followed my orders to the letter." The general remarked sourly, "we wouldn't be in this fix!"
38. (v.) to struggle successfully against; to prove to be a match for, deal with satisfactorily; (n.) a long religious cloak; a canopy
40. Many an artist whose work has been overlooked in his or her own lifetime has had to trust to _____ for appreciation.
41. Marathon runners need a great deal of _____.
42. (adj.) difficult to catch or to hold; hard to explain or understand

Choose the best option the completes the sentences below:

86. c (n.) an event resulting in death; an accidental death
a. prominent b. nurture c. fatality d. optional e. outstrip
87. d Only the _____ repeal of this unfair nuisance tax will satisfy the voters.
a. quaint b. retrieve c. limber d. outright e. catastrophe
88. b a sequence of events that is imagined, assumed, or suggested
a. scan b. scenario c. panorama d. fluster e. replica
89. e Nothing can _____ my thirst better than a tall glass of ice water.
a. amalgamate b. prescribe c. generate d. buffoon e. slake
90. c (v.) to make twisting or turning movements in a way that suggests pain or struggle
a. relish b. retaliate c. writhe d. pervade e. encounter
91. c In devising the Constitution, the Founding Fathers sought to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our _____."
a. revocation b. logical c. posterity d. dupe e. sodden
92. b (n.) one who flees or runs away; (adj.) fleeting, lasting a very short time; wandering; difficult to grasp
a. inhabitant b. fugitive c. mimic d. figment e. capsize
93. d When she said she would "turn the other cheek," she simply meant that she would not _____ for the injury done to her.
a. befuddle b. prowl c. audition d. retaliate e. sanctuary
94. c The principal asked the students not to hang around in front of the houses and other buildings _____ to the school.
a. manacle b. pending c. adjacent d. manipulate e. presume
95. a Our supervisor prepared a/an _____ that reminded the salespeople of the procedures to be followed during the holiday season.
a. memorandum b. bluster c. supplement d. meteoric e. deter
96. d We scorn all those who would deliberately bend the truth and _____ history in order to suit the political needs of their day.
a. keepsake b. adjacent c. stupefied d. distort e. maul
97. c (n.) something seen in advance; (v.) to view beforehand
a. scenario b. expend c. preview d. spirited e. paradox

98. b The City Council has approved funds for a new playground, but we expect a _____ of several months before construction begins.
a. grimy b. lag c. fugitive d. contemporary e. verify
99. d (adj.) very dirty, covered with dirt or soot
a. allegiance b. insinuate c. indignant d. grimy e. balk
100. c I can understand that you want to be witty and amusing but take care not to give everyone the impression that you're a mere _____.
a. format b. abstain c. buffoon d. repent e. idolize
101. a Antonym: "began to (admire) the new leader's policies"
a. detest b. earmark c. nimble d. oration e. proficient
102. e The eyewitness was _____ to tell the police all that she had seen, but we convinced her that it was the only right thing to do.
a. motivate b. impassable c. hypocrite d. burly e. reluctant
103. b Despite people's best efforts to remain young looking, skin will eventually _____.
a. authorize b. wither c. substantial d. virtual e. giddy
104. e (v.) to walk slowly, stroll; (n.) an easy pace; a leisurely walk
a. quash b. hurtle c. indulge d. eject e. amble
105. b My idea of a/an _____ is a person who gives advice that he or she is not willing to follow.
a. pelt b. hypocrite c. browse d. affluence e. detest
106. c During times of economic hardship, many people have only a _____ standard of living.
a. ovation b. fossil c. marginal d. brood e. conserve
107. c (v.) to approve or permit; to give power or authority to
a. amiss b. luster c. authorize d. stumbling e. makeshift
108. c Probably no _____ in American history is so well known and loved as Lincoln's address on the battlefield of Gettysburg.
a. reverie b. writhe c. oration d. constrain e. immense
109. c Antonym: "had no (subsequent) arrests"
a. self-seeking b. amble c. prior d. detract e. headstrong
110. b Antonym: "remained a very (obscure) playwright"
a. docile b. prominent c. snare d. parody e. pessimist
111. c (v.) to throw doubt upon, cause to be distrusted; to damage in reputation; (n.) a loss or lack of belief, confidence, or reputation
a. anonymous b. maximum c. discredit d. initiative e. resourceful
112. c His scheme to make money by preparing term papers for other students is not only completely _____ but immoral as well.
a. compliant b. inflammable c. illicit d. prior e. assailant
113. e Many people say that they become quite _____ when they look down from the top of a tall building.
a. scrimp b. designate c. perjury d. poised e. giddy

114. b Her ability to _____ the words and gestures of prominent Americans makes her an excellent comic impressionist.
a. optimist b. parody c. alight d. memorandum e. queue
115. c (v.) to make very angry, enrage
a. atrocity b. remnant c. infuriate d. entrepreneur e. preview
116. d As soon as she took over the office of Mayor, she was _____d by dozens of people eager to get city jobs.
a. prosecute b. fatality c. dishearten d. forsake e. interminable
117. d Since she has a large family, she finds it necessary to _____ her income by working at a second job at night and on weekends.
a. unflagging b. blight c. frustrate d. supplement e. bungle
118. e Abraham Lincoln had very little formal schooling, but his mind was _____d by such great works as the Bible and the plays of Shakespeare.
a. endear b. intensive c. cringe d. responsive e. nurture
119. b The jogger was injured by an unknown _____ who left him immobile at the side of the road.
a. unscathed b. assailant c. eradicate d. portray e. humdrum
120. a If something _____s a place or thing, it is a noticeable feature throughout it.
a. pervade b. trivial c. incalculable d. distort e. elusive
121. e Her argument was so _____ that she convinced us that her solution to the math problem was the correct one.
a. ambiguous b. marginal c. scurry d. boisterous e. logical
122. e As soon as 300-pound Horace settled down in that delicate little chair, we realized he should have something more _____ to sit on.
a. hazard b. posterity c. customary d. dispatch e. substantial
123. c (v.) to handle or use skillfully; to manage or control for person gain or advantage
a. avenge b. reluctant c. manipulate d. wither e. topple
124. e You can't _____ me against my will.
a. ordain b. disinterested c. wistful d. vacate e. constrain
125. e Because of our inexperience and haste, we _____d the little repair job so badly that it became necessary to replace the entire motor.
a. alliance b. taskmaster c. anecdote d. lag e. bungle
126. d Though we are still the leading producers of various industrial products, other countries are catching up fast and may soon _____ us.
a. depict b. inimitable c. induce d. outstrip e. slake
127. c None of the foreign governments is willing to take any definite action _____ the outcome of our national election.
a. illicit b. discredit c. pending d. agenda e. persevere
128. b A _____ is an unexpected event that causes great suffering or damage.
a. gloat b. catastrophe c. data d. abnormal e. nub

129. a Each of the items on the _____ for our meeting today will probably require a good deal of discussion.
a. agenda b. misapprehension c. animated d. fidelity e. engulf
130. b (adj.) difficult to catch or to hold; hard to explain or understand
a. onslaught b. elusive c. downright d. perishable e. skimp
131. b (n.) one who expects things to turn out for the best; someone who looks on the bright side of things
a. dogged b. optimist c. consolidate d. prudent e. rend
132. d I plan to save this old notebook as a/an _____ of one of the best and most enjoyable classes I have ever had.
a. infuriate b. plague c. restrict d. keepsake e. underscore
133. e (adj.) flexible; (v.) to cause to become flexible
a. wrath b. responsive c. forsake d. null and void e. limber
134. c Financiers are planning to _____ various businesses in the United States and England into one huge multinational corporation.
a. detest b. abnormal c. amalgamate d. manipulate e. plague
135. a As the day of the big game approached, our practice sessions became more and more _____.
a. intensive b. skimp c. dogged d. prosecute e. memorandum
136. a (n.) the taking of the first step or move; the ability to act without being directed or urged from the outside
a. initiative b. detract c. spirited d. prescribe e. parody
137. b (adj.) able to deal promptly and effectively with all sorts of problems; clever in finding ways and means of getting along
a. hurtle b. resourceful c. perishable d. pending e. quaint
138. b Once order had been restored, the leaders of the opposition called for the _____ of martial law.
a. indulge b. revocation c. dupe d. burly e. virtual
139. a (v.) to get revenge for, get even for, settle a score; to punish someone or get satisfaction for a wrong or injury
a. avenge b. underscore c. queue d. paradox e. engulf
140. e (v.) to stop short and refuse to go on; to refuse abruptly; to prevent from happening; (n.) (in baseball) an illegal motion made by a pitcher
a. resourceful b. prudent c. incalculable d. wrath e. balk
141. c something invented or imaginary
a. atrocity b. sodden c. figment d. writhe e. inflammable
142. e The Mayor had to choose between _____ to his political party and his judgment of what was best for the city.
a. supplement b. elusive c. scurry d. optimist e. allegiance
143. a (v.) to crush, put down completely
a. quash b. marginal c. audition d. snare e. alliance

144. d We were pleasantly surprised to see that she completed the difficult task we had given her with neatness and _____.
a. contemporary b. downright c. nurture d. dispatch e. ordain
145. a No one _____es being reminded of his or her mistakes, but if you are wise you will try to learn from such criticism.
a. relish b. designate c. fluster d. entrepreneur e. maul
146. d This tragic news could _____ the stillness and peace he is enjoying at the moment.
a. impassable b. amalgamate c. bluster d. rend e. adjacent
147. d What is the best way to _____ students to undertake challenging work?
a. topple b. indignant c. boisterous d. motivate e. fugitive
148. d (n.) a trial hearing for a performer; (v.) to conduct or perform such a hearing
a. retrieve b. agenda c. bungle d. audition e. depict
149. d Because she is usually so _____, we were all surprised when she said that she didn't like our plans and wouldn't accept them.
a. animated b. fidelity c. keepsake d. compliant e. prominent
150. e The wily champion used every tennis trick she knew to _____ her opponent's attempts to come to the net and hit a winner.
a. discredit b. outstrip c. stumbling d. giddy e. frustrate
151. e Something that is _____ is attractive because it is unusual and old-fashioned.
a. inimitable b. posterity c. preview d. scan e. quaint
152. c I will try not to _____ about winning a scholarship to music camp.
a. misapprehension b. sanctuary c. gloat d. ovation e. expend
153. c (adj.) cautious, careful, showing good sense
a. scenario b. allegiance c. prudent d. motivate e. oration
154. a No matter what you may say, you cannot _____ me to do something that I know is wrong.
a. induce b. manacle c. abstain d. quash e. rend
155. c (v.) to preserve; to keep from being damaged, lost, or wasted; to save
a. unflagging b. wistful c. conserve d. customary e. balk
156. b Their music _____s a lifestyle that no longer exists.
a. endear b. portray c. maximum d. outright e. persevere
157. b (v.) to turn bottom side up, upset
a. constrain b. capsize c. induce d. encounter e. humdrum
158. e (adv.) thoroughly; (adj.) absolute, complete; frank, blunt
a. inhabitant b. hazard c. idolize d. eject e. downright
159. a She hopes to win the election by convincing voters that the city's troubles result from the _____ policies of the present Mayor.
a. stumbling b. repent c. frustrate d. amiss e. makeshift
160. a (adj.) fair-minded, free from selfish motives; indifferent
a. disinterested b. format c. befuddle d. capsize e. restrict

161. c I well remember how often during my childhood I felt the full force of my parents' _____ when I had done something wrong.
a. revocation b. avenge c. wrath d. consolidate e. gloat
162. b After four days of steady rainfall, the _____ ground actually gurgled as we trudged wearily over it.
a. retaliate b. sodden c. buffoon d. null and void e. earmark
163. b (n.) an enthusiastic public welcome, an outburst of applause
a. dispatch b. ovation c. authorize d. limber e. unscathed
164. e Though I hadn't expected to be treated quite so unkindly by the audience, I didn't become _____ed or lost my professional cool.
a. taskmaster b. remnant c. amble d. anecdote e. fluster
165. d No doubt our antipollution program will be expensive, but the cost of doing nothing would be simply _____.
a. cringe b. fossil c. insinuate d. incalculable e. pervade
166. e Mr. Roth, the librarian, cracks down hard on _____ students.
a. presume b. substantial c. dishearten d. illicit e. boisterous
167. a Since coal was formed from the decayed bodies of plants that lived many millions of years ago, it is considered a kind of _____ fuel.
a. fossil b. onslaught c. wither d. meteoric e. deter
168. c If you say that something is _____, you mean there is something wrong.
a. prowl b. generate c. amiss d. proficient e. slake
169. d SYNONYMS: outdo, outperform, outdistance, surpass ANTONYMS: trail, lag behind
a. prior b. pessimist c. anonymous d. outstrip e. compliant
170. a After the officials had put a stop to the fight that had broken out, they _____ed the offending players from the game.
a. eject b. verify c. scrimp d. optional e. alight
171. a The young man who seemed so quiet and _____ turned out to be very well informed and to have strong opinions of his own.
a. docile b. blight c. figment d. infuriate e. distort
172. a In his many years in Congress, he has been _____ mainly by a strong desire to help the underdogs in our community.
a. animated b. initiative c. browse d. forsake e. mimic
173. c We were so _____ by the bad news that for a few moments we just sat there without moving or speaking.
a. trivial b. assailant c. stupefied d. fatality e. disinterested
174. b Although we are sure that the prisoners will make no attempt to escape, the law requires us to place _____s on them.
a. docile b. manacle c. brood d. nub e. immense
175. e No matter how talented you may be, you will never be successful unless you learn to _____ in what you undertake.
a. catastrophe b. perjury c. ambiguous d. lag e. persevere

176. c Alaska enjoys _____ natural resources, but its severe climate makes those resources difficult to use.
a. vacate b. reverie c. immense d. affluence e. replica
177. b The boat has been so badly _____ ed by the storm that it will have to be overhauled before it can be used again.
a. interminable b. maul c. self-seeking d. pelt e. relish
178. b The new book of presidential _____ s contains many amusing stories involving our Chief Executives, both past and present.
a. intensive b. anecdote c. conserve d. grimy e. headstrong
179. d The painter chose to _____ a plain prairie landscape using bold colors and shadows.
a. reluctant b. portray c. data d. depict e. stupefied
180. b When the naughty children heard their mother's footsteps approaching, they quickly _____ (ed) back to bed.
a. nimble b. scurry c. poised d. eradicate e. hypocrite
181. e They set a trap to _____ the rodents that were getting into the garden.
a. oration b. luster c. panorama d. logical e. snare
182. b When the salesclerk replied rudely to my polite inquiry about the price of the garment, I became a bit _____.
a. responsive b. indignant c. dispatch d. depict e. abnormal
183. e The applicants for the job will have to _____ up in an orderly way and wait their turns to be interviewed.
a. constrain b. detest c. wither d. format e. queue
184. c It is far better to know you are ignorant of something than to act on the basis of wrong information and _____ s.
a. ordain b. abstain c. misapprehension d. revocation e. hypocrite
185. d As a result of the record-breaking snowstorm, all roads in the area became _____.
a. audition b. scan c. eradicate d. impassable e. allegiance

186. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

J	C	N	E	C	Y	O	C	P	A	N	O	R	A	M	A	J	A	N	C
J	E	R	U	A	A	D	U	G	R	G	D	E	T	E	S	T	C	E	O
Z	U	Z	P	P	P	P	L	L	E	K	T	W	D	P	T	D	C	Q	S
F	Y	H	H	S	A	W	M	O	H	C	O	N	F	E	R	E	O	L	P
H	N	H	E	I	D	H	I	A	T	B	E	M	I	N	A	T	M	A	F
P	O	A	A	Z	O	O	N	T	I	R	O	G	O	J	P	E	M	X	I
P	I	Z	V	E	P	L	A	B	W	V	A	I	L	U	P	R	O	N	R
U	T	A	A	A	T	E	T	F	L	L	T	M	C	W	I	B	D	O	E
W	A	R	L	O	I	S	E	A	T	U	R	U	I	I	N	H	A	C	B
J	V	D	Y	Q	M	O	S	I	A	E	I	C	M	S	G	E	T	A	R
G	O	G	L	V	I	M	C	C	C	P	M	C	I	T	S	O	E	E	A
E	R	U	K	I	S	E	E	F	N	R	P	D	M	F	E	N	R	B	N
N	S	C	A	N	T	R	V	E	W	E	A	G	E	U	V	I	P	Y	D
E	E	Y	E	S	P	V	Y	O	A	S	S	O	N	L	I	A	O	O	G
R	C	M	H	D	Y	N	A	M	I	C	S	A	C	M	S	R	R	F	N
A	N	V	I	C	I	O	U	S	Y	R	A	D	O	A	N	R	T	E	I
T	A	C	Y	Y	F	U	L	V	Z	I	B	C	U	Z	O	E	R	L	V
E	I	Y	R	X	C	U	H	M	G	B	L	I	N	E	P	T	A	D	I
O	L	P	R	E	S	C	R	I	B	E	E	T	T	D	S	E	Y	W	G
Q	L	C	L	A	R	I	T	Y	M	F	B	S	E	S	E	C	Y	A	S
D	A	T	L	G	F	R	K	H	Q	V	W	E	R	S	R	A	R	D	I
L	J	S	A	T	S	Z	E	X	G	G	Q	M	B	Q	R	F	B	T	M
Z	I	E	Q	O	U	T	S	T	R	I	P	O	S	F	T	A	G	U	T
N	F	T	T	R	I	B	U	T	E	D	O	D	T	R	I	V	I	A	L
Q	B	E	U	T	M	O	S	T	P	R	E	V	A	R	I	C	A	T	E
C	F	D	B	P	A	W	O	K	Y	N	A	E	L	X	V	F	P	P	R

precaution	prescribe	facet	gory	detest
prescribe	rend	detest	upheaval	domestic
culminate	alliance	portray	generate	accommodate
goad	outstrip	responsive	fray	deter
optimist	impassable	firebrand	prevaricate	panorama
gloat	amiss	capsize	wither	scant
dawdle	hazard	vicious	mimic	misgiving
dynamic	strapping	wholesome	terrain	tribute
ovation	wistful	salvo	trivial	beacon
encounter	utmost	clarity	confer	maze