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42. a radiance surrounding the head or body of a sacred figure; an illumination or halo surrounding Christ, a saint, a martyr, etc. Jesus is often pictured with an _____ surrounding his head.

43. a prophetic sign; favorable sign; with the help & support of. A flight of white doves is an _____ of peace. Augustine wrote *The City of God* under the _____ of the Catholic Church. There are several _____ symbols in Buddhism.

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51. sharp or bitter tasting. harsh or corrosive in tone (especially of a comment or style of speaking) sharp and forthright. sharply or bitingly critical, sarcastic, or ironic in temper, mood, or tone. After hearing Honeybunch's _____ tongue lashing, Farmer Tice slipped out the backdoor and hid in the barn.

52. resembling an uncle in kindness or indulgence. Politicians often sound _____ in order to make themselves sound part of your family in order to win votes.

53. distant, cold, or detached in manner; not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant; conspicuously uninvolved and uninterested. Afghan hounds aren't loyal and loving like other breeds. Instead, they are _____ and fiercely independent.

54. requiring secret or mysterious knowledge; understood by few; mysterious or secret. The rituals of the Free Masons are _____ and understood by a chosen few.

55. suggesting human features for animals or inanimate things; Any non-human characters that walk, talk, sing or dance. Most cartoons feature _____ characters such as Felix the Cat.

56. regard something as being caused by (someone or something); aspect, trait, characteristic. My daddy _____ much of his writing skills to the work he did in Mr. Levy's class. Heifetz's unique style of playing is an _____ of what he learned with Professor Auer.

57. to formally decline to vote either for or against a proposal or motion; to hold oneself back voluntarily, especially from something regarded as improper or unhealthy (usually followed by from). I vote for those who _____ from voting in favor of gun control. I will _____ from eating snacks so I don't gain too much weight.

58. make more noticeable or prominent; emphasize, intensify, sharpen, stress, accent, strengthen, bring out, feature, highlight. A lot of men wear a red tie in order to _____ the look of a businessman. A lot of Mexicans feel that wearing a mustache _____ the macho look.

59. a partner in crime. Bonnie was Clyde's _____.

60. clothing of a distinctive style or for a particular occasion. Some highbrow restaurants require that you dress in formal _____.

61. become accustomed to a new climate or to new conditions; get used to a certain environment. Prior to climbing Mt. Everest, climbers must get _____ to the high altitude. When moving to Siberia for the winter, you body must _____ to the freezing climate.

62. the best; crest; top; highest; most perfect, etc. Heifetz remains at the _____ of violin playing to this day.

63. exaggerated flattery or praise; uncritical admiration and praise of someone or something; noun extravagant flattery, worship, fawning, sycophancy, fulsome praise, blandishment. Crooked Hillary's book received _____ from the media even though nobody bought it.

64. verb to agree to something, to give in, submit, approve, yield, bend, surrender, consent, tolerate, comply, conform, succumb, go along with, bow to, cave in. (n) the act of accepting or agreeing to something, often unwillingly: RINOs like Mitch McConnell will always _____ the democRAT's demands rather than vote the way they were elected for. The Donald achieved Little Rocketman's _____ through a show of strength.

65. to make more attractive, as by adding ornament or color. The queen's dress was _____ with emeralds and rubies. You may want to _____ that dress by adding some pearls to it.

66. insistent; unwilling to change one's mind or opinion. When it came to not raising taxes, George Bush was _____, & said, "Read my lips. No new taxes!" After being elected, he raised everybody's taxes.

67. quick or skillful or adept in action or thought; clever or skillful in using the hands or mind. Teller the magician was very _____ in doing slight-of-hands. The Donald handled tough questions _____ from the media.

68. yielding or containing gold. Sutter's Mill is located in an _____ region of California. Pyrite has an _____ to it, which is why it's called *fool's gold*.

69. characterized by an appreciation of beauty or good taste; Russian architecture was magnificent. By contrast, Soviet architecture lacked any _____ quality whatsoever. Good artists create masterpieces based on _____.

70. showing unselfish concern for the welfare of others; the belief in or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others. Francis moved to Mexico to work with deaf children. Her mother & father were also _____. Her parents encouraged _____ in their children.

71. uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow; wishy-washy. A lot of high school graduates are _____ about which courses to take in college. My girlfriend can't decide if she wants to marry me. Her _____ is driving me nuts.

72. friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to; diffusing (spreading) warmth and friendliness. Rachmaninov's pictures make him appear grim and austere, but he was really quite _____.

73. relating to rural matters (rural = *the country*). The Amish are an _____ people with strong ties to community and agriculture.

74. a close connection marked by community of interests; a strong liking for or attraction to someone or something; kinship; a person especially of the opposite sex having a particular attraction for the other. Although I've lived in the city

most of my life, I have a strong _____ for the country, esp. near the ocean.

75. having more than one possible meaning especially in a confusing way.

Telling a person on a cell phone *it's over there* is a very _____ thing to say. The instructions contain too much _____.

76. to make or become better, more bearable, or more satisfactory; alleviate; soften; relieve; mitigate; improve. Saying a prayer for those who are grief-stricken helps to _____ their pain. My mother's hugs & kisses _____ my hurt feelings. A smile can have an _____ affect on frightened children.

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80. having no definite form or distinct shape; lacking a clear structure or focus; lacking organization or unity. His _____ writing styles made the novel difficult to follow. A very creepy episode in *The Outer Limits* featured an

_____ one-eyed creature from another universe. Clouds often take on an _____ form.

81. locating something at a time when it couldn't have existed; an act of attributing a custom, event, or object to a period to which it does not belong. The Amish are an _____ people who live as people did during the horse & buggy era. The sword & shield are an _____ of modern warfare.

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84. something that serves as a model; an original that has been imitated; a very typical example of a certain person or thing. Donald Trump is the _____ of Superman. Governor Mike Huckabee embodies the Christian _____; a religious man serving God and his country.

85. an absence of emotion, enthusiasm, or concern. When The Donald ran against Crooked Hillary, there was little _____ among Republican voters, because the difference between the two candidates was so great.

86. so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period. Many 1960s words such as *groovy*, *far out*, and *outta sight* are _____ and seldom used anymore.

87. inherent ability; intelligence. Many Asian people have a high _____ for technical skills.

88. characterized by intense emotion; enthusiastic or passionate; intently devoted, eager; fiercely bright; glowing like a fire. Believe it or not, Oscar Levant & Helen Traubel were both _____ baseball fans.

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91. the use of deception or trickery; clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others; ingenuity; an ingenious device or expedient; an artful stratagem; trick; false or insincere behavior; a sly artful trick. Mittens Romney pretended to be a conservative; an _____ that won him the Republican nomination. Creepy Joe used COVID and racism as _____ to win popularity but won the election through fraud.

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93. characteristic of the practice of rigorous self-discipline; avoiding physical pleasures & comfort (usually) for religious reasons; a person who practices severe self-discipline and abstention. Father Jerome is an _____ monk who heads a monastery deep within the forest. Few Buddhists live an _____ life anymore.

94. disposed to venture or take risks; showing an impudent lack of respect; contemptuous of law, religion, or decorum; brash; foolhardy; intrepid; nervy; venturesome; brazen. The Donald took on the brazen media with an _____ style of his own. He dealt with the other candidates _____ by giving them infamous appellations such as *Lyin' Ted*, *Little Marco*, *Sleepy Joe*, *Crazy Bernie*, *Pocahontas*, *Nervous Nancy*, and *Crooked Hillary*.

95. the process of absorbing one cultural group into another; the process of taking in and fully understanding information or ideas; the absorption and digestion of food or nutrients by the body or any biological system. When people immigrate to the United States, it is important that they _____ and learn to speak English. Cultural _____ is difficult to attain when people enter the country illegally. The proper _____ of nutrients is important to sustain good health.

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39. Insatiable greed for riches; niggardly; stingy; very greedy. The greedy banker's heart was filled with **_AVARICENESS_**. Vladimir Putin is quite **_AVARICE_** and wants everything for himself.
40. to soften; to ease or lessen (as in pain or grief); to appease or pacify; to tranquilize; to perfect peace or ease; to mollify. When Biden made a fool of himself by shaking hands with an invisible person, his wife tried to _____ his frustration by saying, "That's all right, Joe. It's not your fault. This has been a long, difficult day."
41. stern or harsh; severe in manner or appearance; rugged; ascetic; living with few comforts or pleasures. Spartans lived a very **_AUSTERE_** way of life. Alexandr Solzhenitsyn was exiled to Siberia where he developed great respect for the **_AUSTERITY_** of the Siberian people.

42. a radiance surrounding the head or body of a sacred figure; an illumination or halo surrounding Christ, a saint, a martyr, etc. Jesus is often pictured with an **AUREOLA** surrounding his head.

43. a prophetic sign; favorable sign; with the help & support of. A flight of white doves is an **AUSPICE** of peace. Augustine wrote *The City of God* under the **AUSPICES** of the Catholic Church. There are several **AUSPICIOUS** symbols in Buddhism.

44. similar to *avarice*; an eager desire; showing a keen interest or enthusiasm in something. avarice, eagerness, enthusiasm, intense desire, cupidity, fervor, greediness, longing, edacity, omnivorousness and rapaciousness. Gershwin was not only a great composer but an **AVID** sportsman as well. In spite of his business acumen, The Donald has a strong **AVIDITY** for politics even though he hates politics *per se*.

45. a mechanical figure or robot; a person who acts in a monotonous, routine manner without active intelligence. In his great movie *Modern Times*, Charlie Chaplin showed how the ordinary worker is turned into an **AUTOMATON**.

46. to regard with horror, loathing, disgust, or hatred. My daddy **ABHORS** rap & hip-hop music. Spying for the enemy is the most **ABHORRENT** thing a soldier can do. General Patton had an **ABHORRENCE** towards cowards.

47. a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically one that is unwelcome. irregular, deviation. One day in January 1962 it snowed in Los Angeles, which was a rare **ABERRATION** in the city's normal weather pattern.

48. friendship; peaceful harmony. mutual understanding and a peaceful relationship, especially between nations; peace; accord. The great historian Will Durant shared 67 years in perfect **AMITY** with his wife Ariel.

49. a strong dislike or hatred for another person. abhorrence, disdain, hatred, dislike, contempt. James J. Braddock and Max Baer entered the ring with great **ANIMOSITY** against one-another.

50. to scold or reprimand. to advise or warn someone not to do something. His teacher **ADMONISHED** him for spending time with Lulu the night before the test. I heard creepy Joe **ADMONISH** everybody to get vaccinated.

51. sharp or bitter tasting. harsh or corrosive in tone (especially of a comment or style of speaking) sharp and forthright. sharply or biting critical, sarcastic, or ironic in temper, mood, or tone. After hearing Honeybunch's **ACERBIC** tongue lashing, Farmer Tice slipped out the backdoor and hid in the barn.

52. resembling an uncle in kindness or indulgence. Politicians often sound **AVUNCULAR** in order to make themselves sound part of your family in order to win votes.

53. distant, cold, or detached in manner; not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant; conspicuously uninvolved and uninterested. Afghan hounds aren't loyal and loving like other breeds. Instead, they are **ALOOF** and fiercely independent.

54. requiring secret or mysterious knowledge; understood by few; mysterious or secret. The rituals of the Free Masons are **ARCANE** and understood by a chosen few.

55. suggesting human features for animals or inanimate things; Any non-human characters that walk, talk, sing or dance. Most cartoons feature **ANTHROPOMORPHIC** characters such as Felix the Cat.

56. regard something as being caused by (someone or something); aspect, trait, characteristic. My daddy **ATTRIBUTES** much of his writing skills to the work he did in Mr. Levy's class. Heifetz's unique style of playing is an **ATtribution** of what he learned with Professor Auer.

57. to formally decline to vote either for or against a proposal or motion; to hold oneself back voluntarily, especially from something regarded as improper or

unhealthy (usually followed by from). I vote for those who **_ABSTAIN_** from voting in favor of gun control. I will **_ABSTAIN_** from eating snacks so I don't gain too much weight.

58. make more noticeable or prominent; emphasize, intensify, sharpen, stress, accent, strengthen, bring out, feature, highlight. A lot of men wear a red tie in order to **_ACCENTUATE_** the look of a businessman. A lot of Mexicans feel that wearing a mustache **_ACCENTUATES_** the macho look.

59. a partner in crime. Bonnie was Clyde's **_ACCOMPLICE_**.

60. clothing of a distinctive style or for a particular occasion. Some highbrow restaurants require that you dress in formal **_ATTIRE_**.

61. become accustomed to a new climate or to new conditions; get used to a certain environment. Prior to climbing Mt. Everest, climbers must get **_ACCLIMATED_** to the high altitude. When moving to Siberia for the winter, your body must **_ACCLIMATE_** to the freezing climate.

62. the best; crest; top; highest; most perfect, etc. Heifetz remains at the **_ACME_** of violin playing to this day.

63. exaggerated flattery or praise; uncritical admiration and praise of someone or something; noun extravagant flattery, worship, fawning, sycophancy, fulsome praise, blandishment. Crooked Hillary's book received **_ADULATION_** from the media even though nobody bought it.

64. verb to agree to something, to give in, submit, approve, yield, bend, surrender, consent, tolerate, comply, conform, succumb, go along with, bow to, cave in. (n) the act of accepting or agreeing to something, often unwillingly: RINOs like Mitch McConnell will always **_ACQUIESCE_** the democrat's demands rather than vote the way they were elected for. The Donald achieved Little Rocketman's **_ACQUIESCENCE_** through a show of strength.

65. to make more attractive, as by adding ornament or color. The queen's dress was **_ADORNED_** with emeralds and rubies. You may want to **_ADORN_** that dress by adding some pearls to it.

66. insistent; unwilling to change one's mind or opinion. When it came to not raising taxes, George Bush was **_ADAMANT_**, & said, "Read my lips. No new taxes!" After being elected, he raised everybody's taxes.

67. quick or skillful or adept in action or thought; clever or skillful in using the hands or mind. Teller the magician was very **_ADROIT_** in doing slight-of-hands. The Donald handled tough questions **_ADROITLY_** from the media.

68. yielding or containing gold. Sutter's Mill is located in an **AUFIROUS_** region of California. Pyrite has an **_AUFIROUSNESS_** to it, which is why it's called *fool's gold*.

69. characterized by an appreciation of beauty or good taste; Russian architecture was magnificent. By contrast, Soviet architecture lacked any **_AESTHETIC_** quality whatsoever. Good artists create masterpieces based on **_AESTHETICS_**.

70. showing unselfish concern for the welfare of others; the belief in or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others. Francis moved to Mexico to work with deaf children. Her mother & father were also **_ALTRUISTIC_**. Her parents encouraged **_ALTRUISM_** in their children.

71. uncertain or unable to decide about what course to follow; wishy-washy. A lot of high school graduates are **_AMBIVALENT_** about which courses to take in college. My girlfriend can't decide if she wants to marry me. Her **_AMBIVALENCY_** is driving me nuts.

72. friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to; diffusing (spreading) warmth and friendliness. Rachmaninov's pictures make him appear grim and austere, but he was really quite **AFFABLE_**.

73. relating to rural matters (rural = *the country*). The Amish are an **_AGRARIAN_** people with strong ties to community and agriculture.

74. a close connection marked by community of interests; a strong liking for or attraction to someone or something; kinship; a person especially of the opposite

sex having a particular attraction for the other. Although I've lived in the city most of my life, I have a strong **_AFFINITY_** for the country, esp. near the ocean.

75. having more than one possible meaning especially in a confusing way. Telling a person on a cell phone *it's over there* is a very **AMBIGUOUS** thing to say. The instructions contain too much **_AMBIGUITY_**.

76. to make or become better, more bearable, or more satisfactory; alleviate; soften; relieve; mitigate; improve. Saying a prayer for those who are grief-stricken helps to **_AMELIORATE_** their pain. My mother's hugs & kisses **_AMELIORATED_** my hurt feelings. A smile can have an **AMELIORANT** affect on frightened children.

77. short account of an incident; a short tale of the past. My father loved telling **ANECDOTES** about the past. His favorite **_ANECDOTE_** was about...

78. characterized by friendship and good will; civil; not quarrelsome. My business partner & I came to an **_AMICABLE_** agreement. It was an **_AMICABLE_** divorce.

79. embellish; increase the scope, power, or importance of; enhance the reputation of (someone) beyond what is justified by the facts. The reason Vladimir Putin invaded Crimea & Ukraine was to **_AGGRANDIZE_** his power. Elon Musk bought Twitter for \$44 billion as a way of **_AGGRANDIZING_** his influence over the Internet.

80. having no definite form or distinct shape; lacking a clear structure or focus; lacking organization or unity. His **AMORPHOUS** writing styles made the novel difficult to follow. A very creepy episode in *The Outer Limits* featured an **_AMORPHOUS_** one-eyed creature from another universe. Clouds often take on an **_AMORPHOUS_** form.

81. locating something at a time when it couldn't have existed; an act of attributing a custom, event, or object to a period to which it does not belong. The Amish are an **_ANACHRONISTIC** people who live as people did during

the horse & buggy era. The sword & shield are an ANACHRONISM of modern warfare.

82. sharply contrasted in character or purpose; directly opposed or contrasted; mutually incompatible. Today's music is ANTITHETICAL to the music of my generation. The views of democrATS are ANTITHETICAL to the views found in the bible.

83. based on or subject to individual discretion or preference; based on random choice or personal whim, rather than any reason or system. Never make an ARBITRARY decision in whom you choose to marry, or you may live to regret it.

84. something that serves as a model; an original that has been imitated; a very typical example of a certain person or thing. Donald Trump is the ARCHETYPE of Superman. Governor Mike Huckabee embodies the Christian ARCHETYPE; a religious man serving God and his country.

85. an absence of emotion, enthusiasm, or concern. When The Donald ran against Crooked Hillary, there was little APATHY among Republican voters, because the difference between the two candidates was so great.

86. so extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period. Many 1960s words such as *groovy*, *far out*, and *outta sight* are ARCHAIC and seldom used anymore.

87. inherent ability; intelligence. Many Asian people have a high APTITUDE for technical skills.

88. characterized by intense emotion; enthusiastic or passionate; intently devoted, eager; fiercely bright; glowing like a fire. Believe it or not, Oscar Levant & Helen Traubel were both AVID baseball fans.

89. belonging to or characteristic of the nobility; someone from the ruling class, usually those with nobility, money, or both.

90. tough, tiring, grueling, laborious; involving or requiring strenuous effort; difficult and tiring. Being a construction worker in the desert during the summer must be one of the most **_ARDUOUS_** jobs in the world.

91. the use of deception or trickery; clever or cunning devices or expedients, especially as used to trick or deceive others; ingenuity; an ingenious device or expedient; an artful stratagem; trick; false or insincere behavior; a sly artful trick. Mittens Romney pretended to be a conservative; an **ARTIFICE** that won him the Republican nomination. Creepy Joe used COVID and racism as **_ARTIFICES_** to win popularity but won the election through fraud.

92. make amends for; reparation for a wrong or injury; the concept of a person taking action to correct previous wrongdoing on their part; the process by which people remove obstacles to their reconciliation with God; repentance (promising God that you will change your evil ways) for the sins you've committed. Yom Kippur, the Day of **ATONEMENT**, is the most important Jewish holiday. In order to **_ATONE_** for all of his pilfering of the cookie jar, Farmer Tice took Honeybunch to the demolition derby.

93. characteristic of the practice of rigorous self-discipline; avoiding physical pleasures & comfort (usually) for religious reasons; a person who practices severe self-discipline and abstention. Father Jerome is an **_ASCETIC_** monk who heads a monastery deep within the forest. Few Buddhists live an **ASCETIC** life anymore.

94. disposed to venture or take risks; showing an impudent lack of respect; contemptuous of law, religion, or decorum; brash; foolhardy; intrepid; nervy; venturesome; brazen. The Donald took on the brazen media with an **_AUDACIOUS_** style of his own. He dealt with the other candidates **_AUDACIOUSLY_** by giving them infamous appellations such as *Lyin' Ted*, *Little Marco*, *Sleepy Joe*, *Crazy Bernie*, *Pocahontas*, *Nervous Nancy*, and *Crooked Hillary*.

95. the process of absorbing one cultural group into another; the process of taking in and fully understanding information or ideas; the absorption and

digestion of food or nutrients by the body or any biological system. When people immigrate to the United States, it is important that they **_ASSIMILATE_** and learn to speak English. Cultural **_ASSIMILATION_** is difficult to attain when people enter the country illegally. The proper **_ASSIMILATION_** of nutrients is important to sustain good health.

96. one held to foretell or predict events from an omen; can be a noun or a verb, referring to one who foretells events based on omens, or the act of doing so. A buzzard flying overhead is said to be an **_AUGUR** of bad luck. The penny I found must have **_AUGURED_** good luck, because I got home safely.

97. an event indicating important things to come; a sign of things to come, like an omen. The drought stricken townspeople hoped the red sunrise was an **_AUGURY** of rain to come.

98. enlarge or increase; make (something) greater by adding to it; increase; to make larger or stronger, or to become bigger. Many bodybuilders **AUGMENT_** their muscles by taking anabolic steroids. He **AUGMENTED_** his meager income by moonlighting in telemarketing.

99. take action in return for a perceived wrong; inflict harm in return for (an injury or wrong done to oneself or another). President Valensky promised to **AVENGE_** the death and destruction brought about by Putin when he invaded Ukraine. Tsar Alexander III **_AVENGING_** his father's death by wiping out the liberal revolutionaries, and by reversing his father's liberal reforms.

100. real; genuine; worthy of belief; of undisputed origin. There's no doubt about it, this is an **AUTHENTIC_** signature of George Washington. Before buying the document, you need to check the **_AUTHENTICITY_** of the signature.