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Session 1: Word List

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale
The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

socialist

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

synonym: communistic, Marxist, socialist

(1) **socialist** regime, (2) **socialist** ideology

He is a progressive **socialist** and believes in the equal

distribution of wealth.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym : direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

astrophysics

n. the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

(1) **astrophysics** research, (2) neutrino **astrophysics**

He was studying **astrophysics** in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

unpaid

adj. not yet paid; without payment

synonym : overdue, delinquent, outstanding

(1) **unpaid** account, (2) **unpaid** leave

Some employees claim they were simply **unpaid**.

cashpoint

n. a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card

synonym : atm, cash dispenser, bank machine

(1) **cashpoint** machine, (2) **cashpoint** card

He withdrew money from the **cashpoint** before going on his trip.

insufficient

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

synonym: deficient, inadequate, scarce

(1) **insufficient** evidence, (2) there are **insufficient** doctors

We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were **insufficient**.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym: broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different

The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

unfold

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

- (1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

decide

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

- (1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

absence

- n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym: dearth, scarcity, lack

- (1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

transport

- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

- (1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

authorship

- n.* the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;

synonym: writing, composing, penning

- (1) **authorship** of the document, (2) a book of doubtful **authorship**

He took credit for the book's **authorship**, but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.

liberty

- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life,

behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

illusory

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

synonym: illusive, deceptive, delusional

(1) **illusory** wealth, (2) **illusory** hope

The promise of easy money turned out to be **illusory**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

prevail

v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

synonym: triumph, prevail over, be victorious

(1) good will **prevail**, (2) **prevail** in a suit

It is common for oppressive governments to **prevail** through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.

allure

n. attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement

synonym: attraction, charm, temptation

(1) the **allure** of cheap labor in China, (2) external **allure**

He can't resist the attractive waitress's **allure**.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym: socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym: delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

synonym: progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**

His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time **constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin
synonym: similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences
Her interests are **akin** to mine.

prosperity

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune
synonym: affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind
This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management
The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan
I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

penury

n. the state of being extremely poor; extreme poverty

synonym: poverty, destitution, indigence

(1) died in **penury**, (2) fall into **penury**

He lived in **penury** for most of his life.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym: regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

malaise

n. a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify

synonym: unease, discomfort, dissatisfaction

(1) emotional **malaise**, (2) societal **malaise**

The country is experiencing economic **malaise**.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym: aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

optimist

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

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

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

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

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

necessity

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

synonym: need, essentiality, prerequisite

(1) in great **necessity**, (2) the **necessity** of the concrete measure

He emphasized the **necessity** of immediate action.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

leisure

n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities

synonym: relaxation, rest, downtime

(1) **leisure** activity, (2) a person of **leisure**

I like to spend my **leisure** time playing sports or reading on weekends.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design
The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine
Our world is in the third **millennium**.

petrify

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

synonym : fossilize, mineralize, calcify

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

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

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

ineffective

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

synonym: useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player

These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

consumption

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

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

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

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

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

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

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

dentist

n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

synonym: oral surgeon, orthodontist, periodontist

(1) a **dentist's** office, (2) consult a **dentist**

I am going to the family **dentist** to get my teeth cleaned.

midwife

n. a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

synonym: obstetrician, gynecologist, accoucheuse

(1) professional **midwife**, (2) serve as **midwife**

The clinical **midwife** assisted with the delivery of the baby.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

synonym: interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym: rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

welfare

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

synonym : well-being, benefit, health

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

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

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym : approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

citation

n. words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition

synonym : commendation, accolade, tribute

(1) a **citation** of the gratitude awarded, (2) **citation** in the text

He received a **citation** for his bravery during the fire.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym : professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

bureaucracy

- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

- (1) government **bureaucracy**, (2) arbitrary **bureaucracy**

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

stigma

- n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

- (1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

attach

- v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

- (1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

opposed

- adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

- (1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

buy-in

- v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

synonym: invest, buy, prepare

- (1) **buy-in** bulk, (2) **buy-in** the idea

The shareholders were reluctant to **buy-in** the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

democracy

- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym : straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

premier

adj. first in importance, order, or position; leading

synonym: first, leading, top

(1) **premier** league, (2) **premier** position

He is the **premier** player on the team and always leads them to victory.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym: trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

hell

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

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym: set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym: contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym: renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

prop

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

someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

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

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

shareholder

n. a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

synonym : stockholder, shareowner, investor

(1) the **shareholder's** meeting, (2) gain **shareholder** approval

Our company is committed to increasing **shareholder** value.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym : cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
synonym: energy, power, gas
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
synonym: curse, condemn, denounce
(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission
Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
synonym: program, schedule, list
(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**
The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize
(1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,
(2) **decarbonize** its energy system
We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel

economy.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym: thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

(1) **intensive** agriculture, (2) **intensive** care

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

rewild

v. to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

synonym: restore, return, rehabilitate

(1) **rewild** land, (2) **rewild** an area

The government is considering a plan to **rewild** certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym: buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

medicinal

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

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

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

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

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym : addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

literature

n. written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

synonym : writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**

The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym: hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

checkup

n. an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging

synonym: examination, diagnosis, consultation

(1) regular **checkup**, (2) health **checkup**

I am going to the doctor for my annual **checkup**.

co-op

n. an organization, shop, business, or farm that is jointly owned and managed by a group of people who also work in it

synonym: cooperative

(1) the community **co-op**, (2) army **co-op** aircraft

You will enjoy many benefits from being part of a university **co-op**.

predict

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

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive
It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

optimal

adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous

synonym: optimum, desirable, favorable

(1) achieve **optimal** health, (2) **optimal** for intellectual growth

Wild animals need to go forward with the **optimal** action to survive.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym: effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

prefer

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

synonym: choose, like, favor

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

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

liquid

n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

biopsy

n. the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

synonym : examination, autopsy

(1) **biopsy** of bone marrow, (2) liquid **biopsy**

The doctor performed an excisional breast **biopsy**.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

Mars

n. a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

(1) **Mars** colonization, (2) **Mars** exploration

The ice caps on the poles of **Mars** are permanent.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym: look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

enmity

n. the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

synonym: hostility, antipathy, animosity

(1) incur his **enmity**, (2) mutual **enmity**

There is a long-standing **enmity** between the two countries.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

insulin

n. a hormone produced in the pancreas that controls the amount of sugar in the blood, or a similar artificial substance used for the treatment of diabetes

(1) daily **insulin** dose, (2) development of **insulin** resistance

He had an **insulin** shock after drinking large quantities of fruit juices.

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym: absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of

knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym : hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warrant

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

anathema

n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

synonym : curse, bane, execration

(1) utter an **anathema**, (2) political **anathema**

The new policy is **anathema** to the employees.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

responsive

adj. quick to respond or react to something

synonym : alert, reactive, sensitive

(1) **responsive** to affection, (2) **responsive** customer service

The **responsive** website design allows for easy navigation on any device.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym : assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym: architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye
Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**
He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym: baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food
Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**
This disease has a high **mortality**.

underfunded

adj. having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

synonym: undercapitalized, cash-strapped, insolvent

(1) severely **underfunded**, (2) **underfunded** programs
The healthcare system is **underfunded**, and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices
She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym: reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

replacement

n. the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

synonym: alternate, substitute, backup

(1) regular **replacement** of tires, (2) **replacement** cost

We demand his **replacement**.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. accept his ap____y | <i>n.</i> an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble |
| 2. dual ge____r | <i>n.</i> the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology |
| 3. b__p against a wall | <i>v.</i> to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident |
| 4. con_____nt on business activity | <i>n.</i> a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought |
| 5. q_o warranto | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 6. de_____cy advocate | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 7. a per_____ve view | <i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |
| 8. dec_____ze its energy system | <i>v.</i> to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy |

ANSWERS: 1. apology, 2. gender, 3. bump, 4. constraint, 5. quo, 6. democracy, 7. perspective, 8. decarbonize

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| 9. strict time con_____nts | <i>n.</i> a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought |
| 10. re____d an area | <i>v.</i> to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species |
| 11. a bu__h of trees | <i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together |
| 12. status q_o politician | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 13. cause an ac_____nt | <i>n.</i> an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury |
| 14. re_____nt local dishes | <i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new |
| 15. labor under a de_____on | <i>n.</i> a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary |
| 16. de_____e a job offer | <i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept |
| 17. ex____d a lineup | <i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance |
| 18. a man of pr_____ty | <i>n.</i> a thing or things that belong to someone |
| 19. perfect ut____a | <i>n.</i> an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity |
| 20. di_____ee with a plan | <i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc. |

ANSWERS: 9. constraint, 10. rewild, 11. bunch, 12. quo, 13. accident, 14. reinvent, 15. delusion, 16. decline, 17. expand, 18. property, 19. utopia, 20. disagree

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| 21. tell a com_____ng story | <i>adj.</i> arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration |
| 22. pull an ine_____ve player | <i>adj.</i> not producing any significant or intended effect or result |
| 23. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 24. so_____st ideology | <i>adj.</i> relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations) |
| 25. lo___e a missing pet | <i>v.</i> to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something |
| 26. il_____ry wealth | <i>adj.</i> not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion |
| 27. good will pr_____l | <i>v.</i> to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful |
| 28. de_____e in quality | <i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept |
| 29. on an equal ba___s | <i>n.</i> the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged |
| 30. co_____st activist | <i>adj.</i> relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership) |
| 31. po_____y alleviation | <i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor |

ANSWERS: 21. compelling, 22. ineffective, 23. medicinal, 24. socialist, 25. locate, 26. illusory, 27. prevail, 28. decline, 29. basis, 30. communist, 31. poverty

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| 32. gu_____ee women equality | <i>v.</i> to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met |
| 33. un____d leave | <i>adj.</i> not yet paid; without payment |
| 34. ci_____on in the text | <i>n.</i> words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition |
| 35. a li_____l arts college | <i>adj.</i> willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded |
| 36. capital-sc____e country | <i>adj.</i> not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain |
| 37. economic lib_____sm | <i>n.</i> a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality |
| 38. American bi__n's meat | <i>n.</i> a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison |
| 39. fa_____te the public | <i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly |
| 40. the cycle of po____y | <i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor |
| 41. int_____ory biology text | <i>adj.</i> intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point |

ANSWERS: 32. guarantee, 33. unpaid, 34. citation, 35. liberal, 36. scarce, 37. liberalism, 38. bison, 39. fascinate, 40. poverty, 41. introductory

42. the al___e of cheap labor in China	<i>n.</i> attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement
43. an op_____ne remark	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. optical il_____on	<i>n.</i> a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
45. un_____in democratization	<i>v.</i> to support or strengthen the foundations of something
46. social st___a	<i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
47. the community co__p	<i>n.</i> an organization, shop, business, or farm that is jointly owned and managed by a group of people who also work in it
48. str_____al analyses	<i>adj.</i> associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
49. increase in the minimum w__e	<i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
50. personal na_____ve	<i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
51. ed_____ed adult	<i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education
52. the sha_____er's meeting	<i>n.</i> a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
53. the ar_____nt against capital punishment	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 42. allure, 43. opportune, 44. illusion, 45. underpin, 46. stigma, 47. co-op, 48. structural, 49. wage, 50. narrative, 51. educated, 52. shareholder, 53. argument

54. product int_____ory sale	<i>adj.</i> intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
55. re___d land	<i>v.</i> to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
56. re___d him as an enemy	<i>v.</i> to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
57. na_____ve poetry	<i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
58. ast_____ics research	<i>n.</i> the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
59. hazardous li___d	<i>n.</i> a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
60. under the umbrella of cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
61. ut_____n society	<i>adj.</i> ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
62. de___e on a course of action	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. r_g a ship with new sails	<i>v.</i> to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 54. introductory, 55. rewild, 56. regard, 57. narrative, 58. astrophysics, 59. liquid, 60. capitalism, 61. utopian, 62. decide, 63. rig

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| 64. past mil_____um | <i>n.</i> a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia) |
| 65. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on | <i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war; |
| 66. co_____te examples | <i>adj.</i> existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement |
| 67. a ra_____l flaw in the plan | <i>adj.</i> relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions |
| 68. a co_____te noun | <i>adj.</i> existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement |
| 69. el_____y woman | <i>adj.</i> (a polite word for) old |
| 70. principles of de_____cy | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 71. un____d account | <i>adj.</i> not yet paid; without payment |
| 72. a gl_____us victory | <i>adj.</i> having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor |
| 73. ab_____e from work | <i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be |

ANSWERS: 64. millennium, 65. revolution, 66. concrete, 67. radical, 68. concrete, 69. elderly, 70. democracy, 71. unpaid, 72. glorious, 73. absence

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| 74. card with no foreign tra_____on fees | <i>n.</i> an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something |
| 75. an international tr__d | <i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing |
| 76. a te_____ue in martial arts | <i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill |
| 77. il_____ry hope | <i>adj.</i> not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion |
| 78. bu____n the idea | <i>v.</i> to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something |
| 79. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 80. su_____e a blizzard | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 81. absolutely op_____d to abortion | <i>adj.</i> being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something |
| 82. army co__p aircraft | <i>n.</i> an organization, shop, business, or farm that is jointly owned and managed by a group of people who also work in it |
| 83. daily in_____n dose | <i>n.</i> a hormone produced in the pancreas that controls the amount of sugar in the blood, or a similar artificial substance used for the treatment of diabetes |
| 84. algebraic ine_____ty | <i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different |

ANSWERS: 74. transaction, 75. trend, 76. technique, 77. illusory, 78. buy-in, 79. communal, 80. survive, 81. opposed, 82. co-op, 83. insulin, 84. inequality

85. utter an an_____ma	<i>n.</i> a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse
86. ag___a setting	<i>n.</i> a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
87. an innovative pr_____al	<i>n.</i> a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
88. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge	<i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special
89. dec_____ze their manufacturing process	<i>v.</i> to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
90. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
91. play a un_____ly important role	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
92. ac_____ic probation	<i>adj.</i> associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
93. liquid bi___y	<i>n.</i> the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
94. app_____te behavior	<i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
95. tr_____rt facilities	<i>n.</i> a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 85. anathema, 86. agenda, 87. proposal, 88. remarkable, 89. decarbonize, 90. decide, 91. uniquely, 92. academic, 93. biopsy, 94. appropriate, 95. transport

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| 96. gu_____ee a high quality | <i>v.</i> to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met |
| 97. advance cap_____sm | <i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit |
| 98. in_____e a high degree of risk | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 99. in_____e a lot of paperwork | <i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else |
| 100. bu____n bulk | <i>v.</i> to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something |
| 101. am_____g advances | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire |
| 102. so_____st regime | <i>adj.</i> relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations) |
| 103. pe_____y with fear | <i>v.</i> to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding |
| 104. personal li_____y | <i>n.</i> the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views |

ANSWERS: 96. guarantee, 97. capitalism, 98. involve, 99. involve, 100. buy-in, 101. amazing, 102. socialist, 103. petrify, 104. liberty

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| 105. a__n to the prior experiences | <i>adj.</i> similar or related in nature, character, or origin |
| 106. health ch____p | <i>n.</i> an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging |
| 107. three-fourths of a po__d | <i>n.</i> the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces |
| 108. pro____ty of humankind | <i>n.</i> the state of being successful and having the good fortune |
| 109. an app____te time | <i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting |
| 110. burning of fo___l fuels | <i>n.</i> any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock |
| 111. majority of his we___h | <i>n.</i> a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns |
| 112. h__l broke loose | <i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place |
| 113. a dental cl___c | <i>n.</i> a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition |
| 114. lu___y hotel | <i>n.</i> a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things |

ANSWERS: 105. akin, 106. checkup, 107. pound, 108. prosperity, 109. appropriate, 110. fossil, 111. wealth, 112. hell, 113. clinic, 114. luxury

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| 115. a tr_____on of a culture | <i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society |
| 116. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 117. severely und_____ed | <i>adj.</i> having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise |
| 118. ack_____ge the deed | <i>v.</i> to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.; |
| 119. endangered bi__n | <i>n.</i> a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison |
| 120. bi___y of bone marrow | <i>n.</i> the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease |
| 121. co____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 122. sp___e of influence | <i>n.</i> a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity |
| 123. a br__d mind | <i>adj.</i> very wide; general |

ANSWERS: 115. tradition, 116. industrious, 117. underfunded, 118. acknowledge, 119. bison, 120. biopsy, 121. communal, 122. sphere, 123. broad

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| 124. a leave of ab____e | <i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be |
| 125. a film f_n | <i>n.</i> a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces |
| 126. le__r for reform | <i>n.</i> a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily |
| 127. noted sc____r | <i>n.</i> professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university |
| 128. th___e on pressure | <i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress |
| 129. historical he____ge | <i>n.</i> the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations |
| 130. co__n examination | <i>n.</i> the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system |
| 131. a hu_____ne of applause | <i>n.</i> a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour) |
| 132. in___t food | <i>n.</i> a baby or very young child |

ANSWERS: 124. absence, 125. fan, 126. lever, 127. scholar, 128. thrive, 129. heritage, 130. colon, 131. hurricane, 132. infant

133. aff_____le housing	<i>adj.</i> not expensive and able to pay
134. mutual en____y	<i>n.</i> the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
135. get into the lu____y car market	<i>n.</i> a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
136. re_____le each other	<i>v.</i> to look like or be similar to someone or something
137. economic pro_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state of being successful and having the good fortune
138. give silent co_____t	<i>n.</i> permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
139. anti-de_____on policies	<i>n.</i> a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
140. domestic af____rs	<i>n.</i> event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
141. pu____e freedoms	<i>v.</i> to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
142. telephone ex_____on	<i>n.</i> a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 133. affordable, 134. enmity, 135. luxury, 136. resemble, 137. prosperity, 138. consent, 139. deflation, 140. affair, 141. pursue, 142. extension

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| 143. pr____t when she will arrive | <i>v.</i> | to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 144. the il____on of being in the forest | <i>n.</i> | a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation |
| 145. chemical pr____ty | <i>n.</i> | a thing or things that belong to someone |
| 146. r__l down his cheeks | <i>v.</i> | to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |
| 147. pro____ve taxation | <i>adj.</i> | relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one |
| 148. the ravages of a hu____ne | <i>n.</i> | a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour) |
| 149. sp____te on the outcome | <i>v.</i> | to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence |
| 150. ca____n dioxide | <i>n.</i> | a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals |
| 151. the per____ve of the battle | <i>n.</i> | a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something |
| 152. cover with th____h | <i>n.</i> | a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings |

ANSWERS: 143. predict, 144. illusion, 145. property, 146. roll, 147. progressive, 148. hurricane, 149. speculate, 150. carbon, 151. perspective, 152. thatch

153. con_____ion in English	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
154. pr_____l in a suit	<i>v.</i> to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful
155. photo in gl_____us color	<i>adj.</i> having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
156. opp_____on campaign	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
157. al_____hm for image processing	<i>n.</i> a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
158. external al_____e	<i>n.</i> attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement
159. au_____ed manual transmission	<i>adj.</i> carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
160. me_____n name	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
161. do_____ht nonsense	<i>adj.</i> (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
162. the te_____ue applied to construction	<i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
163. th____h of hair	<i>n.</i> a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
164. financial cr____s	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 153. conversation, 154. prevail, 155. glorious, 156. opposition, 157. algorithm, 158. allure, 159. automated, 160. mention, 161. downright, 162. technique, 163. thatch, 164. crisis

165. s__k road	<i>n.</i> a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
166. regular ch____p	<i>n.</i> an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging
167. fun_____ist church	<i>n.</i> a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
168. biomass f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
169. abound in in_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
170. mo_____ty due to cancer	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being subject to death
171. the wel_____ng of a nation	<i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
172. pr___r physics to chemistry	<i>v.</i> to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
173. a ci_____on of the gratitude awarded	<i>n.</i> words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition
174. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 165. silk, 166. checkup, 167. fundamentalist, 168. fuel, 169. ingenuity, 170. mortality, 171. well-being, 172. prefer, 173. citation, 174. conversation

175. societal ma_____e	<i>n.</i> a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
176. rep_____nt cost	<i>n.</i> the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
177. attract br__d attention	<i>adj.</i> very wide; general
178. res_____ce movement	<i>n.</i> the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
179. re_____nt our life	<i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
180. pr____r a window seat	<i>v.</i> to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
181. lower infant mo_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being subject to death
182. unp_____ted business opportunity	<i>adj.</i> never having been seen, done, or known before
183. co_____t for surgery	<i>n.</i> permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
184. fr__k and open discussion	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
185. re_____le her mother	<i>v.</i> to look like or be similar to someone or something
186. consult a de_____t	<i>n.</i> a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth

ANSWERS: 175. malaise, 176. replacement, 177. broad, 178. resistance, 179. reinvent, 180. prefer, 181. mortality, 182. unprecedented, 183. consent, 184. frank, 185. resemble, 186. dentist

187. M__s colonization	<i>n.</i> a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye
188. political fun_____ist	<i>n.</i> a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
189. get inc_____ly insecure	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
190. mass tr_____t	<i>n.</i> the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
191. unpaid w__es	<i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
192. there are ins_____ent doctors	<i>adj.</i> not enough for a particular purpose
193. in_____ve agriculture	<i>adj.</i> involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
194. thousands of po__ds	<i>n.</i> the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
195. an ine_____ve speech	<i>adj.</i> not producing any significant or intended effect or result
196. classical lib_____sm	<i>n.</i> a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
197. hear customer's voices fi_____nd	<i>adv.</i> from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
198. ch__r for the home team	<i>v.</i> to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

ANSWERS: 187. Mars, 188. fundamentalist, 189. incredibly, 190. transit, 191. wage, 192. insufficient, 193. intensive, 194. pound, 195. ineffective, 196. liberalism, 197. firsthand, 198. cheer

199. meet with opp_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
200. a de_____t's office	<i>n.</i> a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
201. M____s exploration	<i>n.</i> a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye
202. fi_____e act	<i>n.</i> the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
203. at____h firmly	<i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
204. a political rev_____on	<i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
205. ma_____e stars	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
206. pr_____t the future	<i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
207. aff_____le solution	<i>adj.</i> not expensive and able to pay
208. assisted chi_____th	<i>n.</i> the act or process of giving birth to a baby
209. a we_____e state	<i>n.</i> the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

ANSWERS: 199. opposition, 200. dentist, 201. Mars, 202. finance, 203. attach, 204. revolution, 205. massive, 206. predict, 207. affordable, 208. childbirth, 209. welfare

210. st___a against obesity	<i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
211. di_____ee about a particular issue	<i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
212. ready-made ph___es	<i>n.</i> a group of words that mean something specific when used together
213. modern po___y	<i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature
214. grand de_____on	<i>n.</i> a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
215. a civil en_____er	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
216. smokeless f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
217. en_____er shortage	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
218. an ac_____ic discussion	<i>adj.</i> associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
219. m__e incident	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
220. ins_____ent evidence	<i>adj.</i> not enough for a particular purpose
221. ex___d agricultural output	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
222. neutrino ast_____ics	<i>n.</i> the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe

ANSWERS: 210. stigma, 211. disagree, 212. phrase, 213. poetry, 214. delusion, 215. engineer, 216. fuel, 217. engineer, 218. academic, 219. mere, 220. insufficient, 221. expand, 222. astrophysics

223. against tr_____on	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
224. pe_____y into stone	<i>v.</i> to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
225. average fuel con_____on	<i>n.</i> the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
226. pr_____r league	<i>adj.</i> first in importance, order, or position; leading
227. a__n to anger	<i>adj.</i> similar or related in nature, character, or origin
228. a sense of wel_____ng	<i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
229. a tr_____t visa	<i>n.</i> the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
230. me_____n in a report	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
231. arbitrary bur_____cy	<i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
232. co_____st party	<i>adj.</i> relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
233. ju__e a competition	<i>n.</i> a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 223. tradition, 224. petrify, 225. consumption, 226. premier, 227. akin, 228. well-being, 229. transit, 230. mention, 231. bureaucracy, 232. communist, 233. judge

234. ma____e amounts	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
235. emotional p__p	<i>n.</i> a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
236. em____y job seekers	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
237. d__n with faint praise	<i>v.</i> to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
238. an energy eff____cy	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
239. li____y as a right	<i>n.</i> the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
240. ambitious ag____a	<i>n.</i> a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
241. a ra____l cure	<i>adj.</i> relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
242. injury in a car ac____nt	<i>n.</i> an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
243. details of his pr____al	<i>n.</i> a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

ANSWERS: 234. massive, 235. prop, 236. employ, 237. damn, 238. efficiency, 239. liberty, 240. agenda, 241. radical, 242. accident, 243. proposal

244. the ba____e of power	<i>n.</i> a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
245. with an am____us eye	<i>adj.</i> having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
246. ho____ss shelter	<i>adj.</i> without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
247. book of po____y	<i>n.</i> poems in general as a genre of literature
248. the first round of the com____on	<i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
249. a fo____l leaf	<i>n.</i> any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
250. achieve op____l health	<i>adj.</i> the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
251. in____t daughter	<i>n.</i> a baby or very young child
252. res____ve to affection	<i>adj.</i> quick to respond or react to something
253. contractual co____ge	<i>n.</i> the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
254. pr____e the amendment	<i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
255. un____al life	<i>adj.</i> existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
256. normal se____r life	<i>adj.</i> not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

ANSWERS: 244. balance, 245. ambitious, 246. homeless, 247. poetry, 248. competition, 249. fossil, 250. optimal, 251. infant, 252. responsive, 253. coverage, 254. propose, 255. universal, 256. secular

257. at___h a file to an e-mail	<i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
258. se____r trends	<i>adj.</i> not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
259. lo___e a tumor	<i>v.</i> to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
260. do____ht impossible	<i>adj.</i> (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
261. fall into pe___y	<i>n.</i> the state of being extremely poor; extreme poverty
262. a blazing ar____nt	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
263. con____ion to society	<i>n.</i> the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
264. ca___n emission	<i>n.</i> a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
265. de____on of the lung	<i>n.</i> a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
266. seasonal la___r	<i>n.</i> productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 257. attach, 258. secular, 259. locate, 260. downright, 261. penury, 262. argument, 263. contribution, 264. carbon, 265. deflation, 266. labor

267. hi____ic accomplishment	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
268. a cold cl____e	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
269. ine____ty in salary	<i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
270. serve as mi____e	<i>n.</i> a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
271. r_g an election	<i>v.</i> to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
272. un____d the story	<i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
273. manual la__r	<i>n.</i> productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
274. au____ed way	<i>adj.</i> carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
275. material we____h	<i>n.</i> a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 267. historic, 268. climate, 269. inequality, 270. midwife, 271. rig, 272. unfold, 273. labor, 274. automated, 275. wealth

276. ge___r-blind policies	<i>n.</i> the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
277. a ge___s for music	<i>n.</i> someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
278. tra_____on balance	<i>n.</i> an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
279. ba___s for calculation	<i>n.</i> the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
280. ca_____nt machine	<i>n.</i> a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card
281. pu___e a goal	<i>v.</i> to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
282. ack_____ge his help	<i>v.</i> to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
283. business sp___e	<i>n.</i> a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

ANSWERS: 276. gender, 277. genius, 278. transaction, 279. basis, 280. cashpoint, 281. pursue, 282. acknowledge, 283. sphere

284. fa___c of creation	<i>n.</i> cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
285. frozen as__ts	<i>n.</i> something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
286. inc_____ly cheerful character	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
287. gain sha_____er approval	<i>n.</i> a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
288. make ast_____ng gains	<i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
289. engine cooling f_n	<i>n.</i> a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
290. a book of doubtful aut_____ip	<i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
291. in_____ne between quarreling parties	<i>v.</i> to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
292. ext_____ary weather	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
293. op_____ne occasion	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
294. intraspecific com_____on	<i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 284. fabric, 285. asset, 286. incredibly, 287. shareholder, 288. astonishing, 289. fan, 290. authorship, 291. intervene, 292. extraordinary, 293. opportune, 294. competition

295. a private ind_____al	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
296. better fuel eff_____cy	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
297. regular rep_____nt of tires	<i>n.</i> the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another
298. natural chi_____th	<i>n.</i> the act or process of giving birth to a baby
299. the co__n at the end of the sentence	<i>n.</i> the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
300. professional mi_____e	<i>n.</i> a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby
301. emotional ma_____e	<i>n.</i> a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
302. na_____ly arising	<i>adv.</i> as might be expected; by natural manners
303. two op_____d characters	<i>adj.</i> being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
304. development of in_____n resistance	<i>n.</i> a hormone produced in the pancreas that controls the amount of sugar in the blood, or a similar artificial substance used for the treatment of diabetes

ANSWERS: 295. individual, 296. efficiency, 297. replacement, 298. childbirth, 299. colon, 300. midwife, 301. malaise, 302. naturally, 303. opposed, 304. insulin

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| 305. incur his en___y | <i>n.</i> the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something |
| 306. p__p stick | <i>n.</i> a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something |
| 307. genuine ap____y | <i>n.</i> an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble |
| 308. a China-based jou_____st | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media |
| 309. mil_____um bottle of wine | <i>n.</i> a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia) |
| 310. under li_____l conditions | <i>adj.</i> willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded |
| 311. un_____ly different | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others |
| 312. noun ph___e | <i>n.</i> a group of words that mean something specific when used together |
| 313. political an_____ma | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse |
| 314. re___d the situation as unfortunate | <i>v.</i> to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way |

ANSWERS: 305. enmity, 306. prop, 307. apology, 308. journalist, 309. millennium, 310. liberal, 311. uniquely, 312. phrase, 313. anathema, 314. regard

315. str_____al reorganization	<i>adj.</i> associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
316. make a positive con_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
317. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet	<i>n.</i> a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
318. un_____in a structure	<i>v.</i> to support or strengthen the foundations of something
319. ast_____ng achievement	<i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
320. em____y a new method	<i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
321. und_____ed programs	<i>adj.</i> having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise
322. effects of cl_____e change	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
323. an associate ju__e	<i>n.</i> a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
324. mo_____ly in distribution	<i>n.</i> exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

ANSWERS: 315. structural, 316. contribution, 317. balance, 318. underpin, 319. astonishing, 320. employ, 321. underfunded, 322. climate, 323. judge, 324. monopoly

325. res_____ve customer service	<i>adj.</i> quick to respond or react to something
326. a person of ge____s	<i>n.</i> someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
327. he_____ge site	<i>n.</i> the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
328. the most am_____g feeling	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
329. review of the lit_____re	<i>n.</i> written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
330. achieve the hi_____ic feat	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
331. af____d a high travel cost	<i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
332. d__n the consequences	<i>v.</i> to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
333. in_____ne in a dispute	<i>v.</i> to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
334. access to public tr_____rt	<i>n.</i> a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
335. b__p up prices	<i>v.</i> to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

ANSWERS: 325. responsive, 326. genius, 327. heritage, 328. amazing, 329. literature, 330. historic, 331. afford, 332. damn, 333. intervene, 334. transport, 335. bump

336. a government mo____ly	<i>n.</i> exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
337. ext_____ary ability	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
338. run like h__l	<i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
339. le_____e activity	<i>n.</i> the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
340. unp_____ted boom	<i>adj.</i> never having been seen, done, or known before
341. the con_____on of food	<i>n.</i> the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
342. dem_____ic analyses	<i>n.</i> a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
343. a ho_____ss cat	<i>adj.</i> without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
344. c__t a ballot	<i>v.</i> to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
345. a ut___a for an engineer	<i>n.</i> an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

ANSWERS: 336. monopoly, 337. extraordinary, 338. hell, 339. leisure, 340. unprecedented, 341. consumption, 342. demographic, 343. homeless, 344. cast, 345. utopia

346. pr____r position	<i>adj.</i> first in importance, order, or position; leading
347. re__w a contract	<i>v.</i> to begin or resume something again after an interruption
348. rem_____le achievement	<i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special
349. ch__r me up	<i>v.</i> to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
350. current af____rs	<i>n.</i> event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
351. dem_____ic policy	<i>n.</i> a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
352. the ne_____ty of the concrete measure	<i>n.</i> the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
353. liquid as__ts of the company	<i>n.</i> something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
354. c__t a charming eye	<i>v.</i> to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
355. the RSA al_____hm	<i>n.</i> a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
356. time ex_____on	<i>n.</i> a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 346. premier, 347. renew, 348. remarkable, 349. cheer, 350. affair, 351. demographic, 352. necessity, 353. asset, 354. cast, 355. algorithm, 356. extension

357. a bu__h of schoolgirls	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
358. visit to the veterinary cl___c	<i>n.</i> a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
359. op____st by nature	<i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
360. child we____e	<i>n.</i> the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
361. sc____r in international politics	<i>n.</i> professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
362. excessive op____st	<i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
363. su____e a plane crash	<i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
364. jou_____st on a magazine	<i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
365. re__w its corporate image	<i>v.</i> to begin or resume something again after an interruption
366. in__t capital	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
367. sp_____te about the reason	<i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

ANSWERS: 357. bunch, 358. clinic, 359. optimist, 360. welfare, 361. scholar, 362. optimist, 363. survive, 364. journalist, 365. renew, 366. invest, 367. speculate

368. fa_____te the young	<i>v.</i> to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
369. died in pe____y	<i>n.</i> the state of being extremely poor; extreme poverty
370. pr_____e changes	<i>v.</i> to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
371. na_____ly regenerated forest	<i>adv.</i> as might be expected; by natural manners
372. manage my fi_____es	<i>n.</i> the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
373. the infinite in_____ty of man	<i>n.</i> the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
374. in great ne_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
375. ed_____ed speech	<i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education
376. the tr__d away from television	<i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing
377. sta_____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
378. government bur_____cy	<i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 368. fascinate, 369. penury, 370. propose, 371. naturally, 372. finance, 373. ingenuity, 374. necessity, 375. educated, 376. trend, 377. statistics, 378. bureaucracy

379. back f_n	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
380. aut_____ip of the document	<i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
381. a f_n of a plane	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
382. in_____ve care	<i>adj.</i> involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
383. ut_____n goal	<i>adj.</i> ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
384. a gear change le__r	<i>n.</i> a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
385. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
386. pro_____ve development	<i>adj.</i> relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
387. sc___e resources	<i>adj.</i> not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
388. op_____l for intellectual growth	<i>adj.</i> the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
389. in___t in stocks	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 379. fin, 380. authorship, 381. fin, 382. intensive, 383. utopian, 384. lever, 385. industrious, 386. progressive, 387. scarce, 388. optimal, 389. invest

390. a person of le____e	<i>n.</i> the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
391. un____d the stroller	<i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
392. m__e acquaintance	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
393. principles of un____al design	<i>adj.</i> existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
394. cr____s management	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
395. af____d to buy a new car	<i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
396. official sta____cs	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
397. new and com____ng evidence	<i>adj.</i> arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
398. popular lit____re	<i>n.</i> written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
399. achieve am____us goals	<i>adj.</i> having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
400. res____ce to insulin	<i>n.</i> the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

ANSWERS: 390. leisure, 391. unfold, 392. mere, 393. universal, 394. crisis, 395. afford, 396. statistics, 397. compelling, 398. literature, 399. ambitious, 400. resistance

401. colorless li___d	<i>n.</i> a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
402. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
403. conduct fi_____nd research	<i>adv.</i> from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
404. full-co_____ge insurance	<i>n.</i> the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
405. ind_____al freedom	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
406. traditional me_____al	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
407. s__k fabric	<i>n.</i> a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
408. a home for the el_____y	<i>adj.</i> (a polite word for) old
409. ca_____nt card	<i>n.</i> a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card
410. r__l a ball	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
411. th___e in a society	<i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 401. liquid, 402. frank, 403. firsthand, 404. coverage, 405. individual, 406. medicinal, 407. silk, 408. elderly, 409. cashpoint, 410. roll, 411. thrive

412. a hand-loomed fa___c

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 412. fabric

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is _____ in his thoughts.

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior;
open-minded

2. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

3. The promise of easy money turned out to be _____.

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

4. The ice caps on the poles of _____ are permanent.

n. a small reddish planet that revolves around the sun at the fourth position and is periodically visible to the naked eye

5. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

6. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

7. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.

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

8. The economy is experiencing severe _____.

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

ANSWERS: 1. liberal, 2. conversation, 3. illusory, 4. Mars, 5. agenda, 6. resemble, 7. optimist, 8. deflation

9. I'm a big ____ of French food.

- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

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

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

11. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

12. Some employees claim they were simply _____.

- adj.* not yet paid; without payment

13. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

14. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

- adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

15. We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were _____.

- adj.* not enough for a particular purpose

16. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 9. fan, 10. prefer, 11. tradition, 12. unpaid, 13. judge, 14. extraordinary, 15. insufficient, 16. industrious

17. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
18. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
19. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
20. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.
n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
21. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
22. The doctor performed an excisional breast _____.
n. the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease
23. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
24. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.
adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

ANSWERS: 17. cheered, 18. reinvent, 19. journalists, 20. apology, 21. mere, 22. biopsy, 23. fundamentalist, 24. secular

25. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

26. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

27. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

28. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

29. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

30. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

31. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

32. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

ANSWERS: 25. progressive, 26. clinic, 27. narrative, 28. demographic, 29. invest, 30. disagree, 31. opposition, 32. wealth

33. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
34. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
35. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
36. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
37. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
38. Following international law, our country does not _____ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
39. The clinical _____ assisted with the delivery of the baby.
- n.* a person trained to assist women during childbirth and to provide care for the mother and baby

ANSWERS: 33. decide, 34. perspective, 35. wages, 36. statistics, 37. transportation, 38. intervene, 39. midwife

40. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.
v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
41. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
42. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
43. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
44. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.
v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something
45. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
46. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
47. I am going to the family _____ to get my teeth cleaned.
n. a person who is qualified and licensed to treat people's teeth
48. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 40. petrify, 41. stigma, 42. historic, 43. compelling, 44. underpin, 45. consumption, 46. trend, 47. dentist, 48. afford

49. This disease has a high _____.

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

50. The sponge takes up the _____ well.

n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

51. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

52. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

53. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

54. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

55. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

56. The government is considering a plan to _____ certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.

v. to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

ANSWERS: 49. mortality, 50. liquid, 51. individual, 52. massive, 53. astonishing, 54. affordable, 55. thrive, 56. rewild

57. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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

58. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

59. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

60. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

- adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

61. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

62. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

63. He received a _____ for his bravery during the fire.

- n.* words or lines taken from speech, written passages, legal precedent, etc.; an official or formal notice of a person's good conduct or work, given as a recognition

ANSWERS: 57. fins, 58. involves, 59. Capitalism, 60. opposed, 61. medicinal, 62. fuel, 63. citation

64. He lived in _____ for most of his life.

- n.* the state of being extremely poor; extreme poverty

65. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

66. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.

- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

67. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.

- n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

68. We demand his _____.

- n.* the act of replacing something with something else, especially that is newer or better; a person or thing that takes or can take the place of another

69. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

- adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

70. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.

- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 64. penury, 65. sphere, 66. algorithm, 67. transit, 68. replacement, 69. concrete, 70. extension

71. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
72. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.
- v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
73. He was studying _____ in an attempt to understand the origins of the universe.
- n.* the branch of physics concerned with the study of the properties and behavior of celestial objects and the physical processes that govern the behavior and evolution of the universe
74. The _____ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.
- n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
75. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
76. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
77. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
78. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
- v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 71. argument, 72. speculated, 73. astrophysics, 74. literature, 75. technique, 76. expand, 77. prop, 78. attach

79. He became _____ after losing his job.

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

80. He is a progressive _____ and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

81. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

82. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

83. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

84. His political views are rooted in neo-_____.

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

85. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

86. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 79. homeless, 80. socialist, 81. poverty, 82. inequality, 83. genius, 84. liberalism, 85. asset, 86. balance

87. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
88. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
89. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
90. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
91. The country is experiencing economic _____.
n. a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
92. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
93. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
94. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
95. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 87. revolution, 88. proposal, 89. amazing, 90. Climate, 91. malaise, 92. propose, 93. bunch, 94. well-being, 95. property

96. The scandal received widespread media _____.
n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
97. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
98. You will enjoy many benefits from being part of a university _____.
n. an organization, shop, business, or farm that is jointly owned and managed by a group of people who also work in it
99. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
100. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
101. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
102. It is common for oppressive governments to _____ through violence, using military and police force to control their citizens and suppress dissent.
v. to be common, widespread, or frequent; to be the strongest or most powerful

ANSWERS: 96. coverage, 97. fabrics, 98. co-op, 99. damn, 100. bison, 101. predict, 102. prevail

103. He had an _____ shock after drinking large quantities of fruit juices.

- n.* a hormone produced in the pancreas that controls the amount of sugar in the blood, or a similar artificial substance used for the treatment of diabetes

104. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.

- n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

105. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

106. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

- adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

107. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

108. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

109. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

110. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

- n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 103. insulin, 104. constraint, 105. scholar, 106. radical, 107. employ, 108. contribution, 109. remarkable, 110. affair

111. She wore a _____ dress to the party.

- n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

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

- adj.* having received a high standard of education

113. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

114. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

- v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

115. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

- n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

116. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

117. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

- adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

118. He never _____ his fault.

- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 111. silk, 112. educated, 113. lever, 114. cast, 115. phrase, 116. regarded, 117. academic, 118. acknowledged

119. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

120. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

121. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

- adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

122. Wild animals need to go forward with the _____ action to survive.

- adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous

123. I am going to the doctor for my annual _____.

- n.* an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging

124. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.

- n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

125. The magic tricks _____ the children.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

126. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

- adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

ANSWERS: 119. finance, 120. appropriate, 121. introductory, 122. optimal, 123. checkup, 124. consent, 125. fascinated, 126. ambitious

127. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

128. She intends to _____ a political career.

- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

129. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

130. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

- n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

131. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.

- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

132. He is the _____ player on the team and always leads them to victory.

- adj.* first in importance, order, or position; leading

133. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

134. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

- n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

ANSWERS: 127. liberty, 128. pursue, 129. competition, 130. hurricane, 131. fossil, 132. premier, 133. opportune, 134. delusion

135. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

136. He was present at the _____ of his children.

- n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby

137. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.

- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

138. The shareholders were reluctant to _____ the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

- v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

139. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.

- adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

140. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

141. It was a _____ lie that he would attend the event.

- adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

142. The _____ website design allows for easy navigation on any device.

- adj.* quick to respond or react to something

ANSWERS: 135. heritage, 136. childbirth, 137. efficiency, 138. buy-in, 139. glorious, 140. guarantee, 141. downright, 142. responsive

143. The new policy is _____ to the employees.

n. a person or thing that is detested or loathed; a curse

144. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

145. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

146. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

147. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

148. He emphasized the _____ of immediate action.

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

149. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

150. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

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

ANSWERS: 143. anathema, 144. illusion, 145. absence, 146. utopian, 147. renew, 148. necessity, 149. engineer, 150. hell

151. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

152. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

153. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

154. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

155. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

156. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

157. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

158. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

159. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 151. poetry, 152. scarce, 153. frank, 154. quo, 155. bumped, 156. transactions, 157. automated, 158. ingenuity, 159. mentioned

160. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

161. Her interests are _____ to mine.

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

162. He withdrew money from the _____ before going on his trip.

n. a machine that dispenses cash, typically one that is part of a bank and that can be used with a bank card

163. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.

n. a baby or very young child

164. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

165. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

166. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

167. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

168. These treatments were _____ against a virus.

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

ANSWERS: 160. declines, 161. akin, 162. cashpoint, 163. infant, 164. uniquely, 165. structural, 166. basis, 167. millennium, 168. ineffective

169. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

170. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

171. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

172. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

173. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

174. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

175. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

176. He can't resist the attractive waitress's _____.

n. attractiveness, interestingness, or excitement

177. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 169. broad, 170. Democracy, 171. accident, 172. locate, 173. naturally, 174. Communal, 175. bureaucracy, 176. allure, 177. rigged

178. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
179. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
180. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.
adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
181. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
182. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
183. I like to spend my _____ time playing sports or reading on weekends.
n. the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
184. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
185. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 178. resistance, 179. survive, 180. intensive, 181. unfolded, 182. utopia, 183. leisure, 184. crisis, 185. carbon

186. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

187. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

188. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

189. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

190. The _____ roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

191. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

192. The _____ woman is quite energetic.

adj. (a polite word for) old

193. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

194. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 186. rolled, 187. prosperity, 188. incredibly, 189. communist, 190. thatch, 191. universal, 192. elderly, 193. gender, 194. firsthand

195. He took credit for the book's _____ but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.

n. the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;

196. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

197. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.

n. a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

198. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

199. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

200. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

201. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 195. authorship, 196. luxury, 197. shareholder, 198. Unprecedented, 199. monopoly, 200. colon, 201. labor

202. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

203. There is a long-standing _____ between the two countries.

- n.* the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

204. We have to seek methods to _____ its fossil fuel economy.

- v.* to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

205. She struggled for years to survive without _____.

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

206. The healthcare system is _____ and patients are not receiving the needed treatment.

- adj.* having insufficient funds to support or carry out an enterprise

ANSWERS: 202. pounds, 203. enmity, 204. decarbonize, 205. welfare, 206. underfunded,