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Session 1: Word List

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

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.

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

synonym: achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

puppy

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

synonym: dog, young dog, pup

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

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

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

waterfront

n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

synonym : lakefront, seaside, shoreline

(1) **waterfront** property, (2) **waterfront** view

The city's **waterfront** area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

sew

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

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

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

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

treatment

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

synonym : remedy, antidote, medicine

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

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

pellet

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

synonym : bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

sludge

n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful

synonym : muck, ooze, mire

(1) **sludge** treatment, (2) **sludge** removal

The **sludge** at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

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.

diesel

n. a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel

(1) **diesel** engine, (2) **diesel** car

Nearly all tractors operate on **diesel** fuel.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym : germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

naive

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

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

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

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

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.

jog

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

synonym : run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

weed

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

synonym: plant, grass, shrub

(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management

The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym: waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

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.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym : renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym : acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

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.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people
I am here to save my **beloved**.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

saddle

n. a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal; (verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task

synonym : seat, perch, mount

(1) bestride a **saddle**, (2) **saddle** his company with so much debt

He put the **saddle** on the horse before going for a ride.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym : barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

obesity

n. the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.

synonym : overweight, corpulence, fattiness

(1) **obesity-related** diseases, (2) suffer from **obesity**

The prevalence of **obesity** has increased significantly in recent years.

diabetes

n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

asthma

n. a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing

synonym : bronchial, bronchitis, respiratory ailment

(1) **asthma** attack, (2) **asthma** symptoms

He always had to carry an inhaler due to his severe **asthma**.

brisk

adj. lively and energetic

synonym: energetic, lively, fast-moving

(1) **brisk** argument, (2) **brisk** autumn weather

She walked with a **brisk** pace, eager to reach her destination.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

odious

adj. arousing intense dislike or disgust

synonym: loathsome, repugnant, revolting

(1) **odious** task, (2) **odious** character

The **odious** smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym : incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym : keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym : unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym : dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

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.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

taxpayer

n. a person who pays taxes to the government

synonym: contributor, payer, financier

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

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

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym : preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

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.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

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.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

ghetto

n. an area of a city in which members of a particular group, typically an ethnic minority, usually live in poverty and with a high population density

synonym : slum, shantytown, inner city

(1) **ghetto** apartments, (2) **ghetto** school

The residents of the **ghetto** faced poverty and discrimination.

slave

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

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

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

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

hunt

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

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

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.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

wherein

adv. in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were

deemed unsafe.

off-limits

adj. not allowed to be entered or used

synonym : prohibited, restricted, forbidden

(1) **off-limits** to development, (2) **off-limits** topic

The restricted area was **off-limits** to visitors.

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.

landlord

n. a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.

synonym : lessor, owner, proprietor

(1) suit against the **landlord**, (2) the **landlord** of an inn

He complained about the price of tenant pays to the **landlord**.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym : protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

notwithstanding

adv. despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless;
(preposition) despite or in spite of

synonym: although, however, (preposition) in spite of

(1) **notwithstanding** the preceding provisions,

(2) **notwithstanding** my protests

Notwithstanding his disapproval, the decree was passed.

highway

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

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

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

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

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

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.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

raze

v. to tear down or demolish completely

synonym: destroy, demolish, erase

(1) **raze** a forest, (2) **raze** a city to the ground

The old building was **razed** to make way for a new one.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power
The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus
He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym : pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture
The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**
She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building
The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

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**.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

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.

degradation

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

synonym: depravity, degeneration, deterioration

(1) **degradation** by heat, (2) live in **degradation**

Many researchers are monitoring environmental **degradation** in real-time through satellites.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym: be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym: divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

antiquated

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

synonym: old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete

(1) **antiquated** system, (2) have an **antiquated** custom

The factory was forced to shut down due to its **antiquated** equipment.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

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.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

quotation

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

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

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

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

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3

percentage points higher than in the previous.

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.

esplanade

n. a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events

synonym: promenade, walkway, boardwalk

(1) the **esplanade** along the lake, (2) **esplanade** park

The lovely seaside **esplanade** provided a beautiful view of the ocean and a popular spot for evening walks.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

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.

placement

n. the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an

organization

synonym: positioning, location, arrangement

(1) **placement** test, (2) **placement** agency

The **placement** of the advertisement on the billboard was strategic in attracting a large audience.

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**.

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.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym: revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

folk

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

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket

synonym: band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

underutilized

adj. not used as much as is possible or necessary

synonym: underused, neglected, unappreciated

(1) **underutilized** resources, (2) **underutilized** space

The factory has been **underutilized** for years and requires renovation.

relic

n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value

synonym: whiff, vestige, antique

(1) historical **relic**, (2) holy **relics**

This bronze sword is a **relic** of ancient times.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym : almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

unused

adj. not being used, or never having been used

synonym : pristine, untouched, unaccustomed

(1) a bullet left **unused**, (2) an **unused** place

The old entrance area is now **unused**.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

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

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

removal

n. the act of taking something away or off from a particular place

synonym : extraction, elimination, eradication

(1) dental tartar **removal**, (2) **removal** truck

The **removal** of the statue caused much controversy in the community.

stakeholder

n. a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business

synonym : shareholder, interested party

(1) **stakeholder** engagement, (2) improve **stakeholder** relations

The organization held **stakeholder** consultations to gather input on the project.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym : anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym: employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

parkland

n. an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area

synonym: public park, green space, nature reserve

(1) **parkland** area, (2) **parkland** trail

The **parkland** surrounding the lake was a popular spot for picnics and outdoor activities.

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.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym: manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

reflective

adj. showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound

synonym: contemplative, introspective, meditative

(1) **reflective** practice, (2) a **reflective** surface

He wrote a **reflective** essay on his experiences during the past year.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

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

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

petroleum

n. a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel

synonym: oil, crude oil, fossil fuel

(1) liquefied **petroleum** gas, (2) crude **petroleum**

The country's economy relies heavily on its **petroleum** industry.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

rainfall

n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment

synonym : downpour, drizzle, rain

(1) the mean annual **rainfall**, (2) heavy **rainfall**

These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant **rainfall**.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym : by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

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.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

springboard

n. a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

synonym :

diving board, launching pad, jumping-off point

(1) **springboard** dive, (2) **springboard** launch

The project's success became a **springboard** for the team to pursue bigger and more ambitious goals.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

ward

n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

synonym: room, division, unit

(1) a children's **ward**, (2) **ward** nurse

The patient was moved to the intensive care **ward** for further treatment.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

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

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

hotbed

n. a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense

synonym: breeding ground, center, focus

(1) a **hotbed** of vice, (2) a **hotbed** of the drug trade

The city was a **hotbed** of political activism.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

jazz *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
synonym: swing, blues, bebop
(1) **jazz** club, (2) a school **jazz** band
He listened to **jazz** music to relax after a long day at work.

proximity *n.* the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
synonym: nearness, closeness, vicinity
(1) **proximity** sensor,, (2) geographical **proximity**
The **proximity** of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.

ignore *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym: neglect, disregard, shun
(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

malign *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
synonym: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil
(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media
The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

abuse *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification
(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

negligent

adj. not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters

synonym: careless, reckless, inattentive

(1) **negligent** behavior, (2) sit in a **negligent** posture

The **negligent** driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.

regulatory

adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

synonym: regulative, managerial

(1) **regulatory** cells, (2) compliance with **regulatory** requirements

In the past, Japanese banks were protected by **regulatory** control.

pernicious

adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

synonym: harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

lax

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

synonym: loose, slack, relaxed

(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude

The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something
synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym: devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

languish

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time

synonym: flag, wane, wither

(1) **languish** for lack of funding, (2) **languish** under illness

He continues to **languish** in prison.

proactive

adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

synonym: gung-ho, anticipatory, forward-thinking

(1) **proactive** approach, (2) **proactive** about doing the task

The company implemented **proactive** measures to prevent future issues.

homegrown

adj. grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

synonym: indigenous, local, native

(1) **homegrown** talent, (2) **homegrown** produce

The restaurant prides itself on its **homegrown** ingredients sourced from local farms.

grassroots

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

synonym: fundamental, major, elemental

(1) a **grassroots** movement for nuclear disarmament,

(2) the **grassroots** factor in making the decision

The feeling among the company's **grassroots** is that the

CEO is not radical enough.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

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.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

- clue** *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
synonym : hint, indication, inkling
(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis
The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.
- motivate** *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
synonym : boost, encourage, inspire
(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**
The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.
- triple** *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
synonym : threefold
(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits
His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.
- operate** *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
synonym : work, use, employ
(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine
This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.
- comprehensive** *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
synonym : complete, encyclopedic, thorough
(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey
We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.
- deficit** *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
synonym : insufficiency, deficiency, shortage
(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym : procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

subsidy

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

synonym : allowance, grant, sponsorship

(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research

The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

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.

stadium

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

synonym : arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity

The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

scant

adj. barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

synonym : minimal, scanty, sparse

(1) **scant** resources, (2) **scant** century

There was a **scant** amount of food left in the fridge.

coordination

n. the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

synonym : cooperation, teamwork, collaboration

(1) data **coordination**, (2) loss of muscle **coordination**

Synchronized swimming needs close **coordination** between six performers.

cumulative

adj. increasing or growing by one addition after another

synonym : accumulative, additive, compounding

(1) **cumulative** improvement, (2) **cumulative** damage

The **cumulative** effect of years of neglect had taken its toll on the old building.

lame

adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

synonym : cripple, gimp, hobbled

(1) a **lame** older man, (2) **lame** apology

The **lame** horse was unable to race.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

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.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

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.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**
The woods **embrace** the house.

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.

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym: example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

fortune

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

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

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

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

fellow

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

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

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

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

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

trafficking

n. the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders

synonym: smuggling, trading, dealing

(1) **trafficking** operation, (2) narcotic **trafficking**

Human **trafficking** is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym : fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

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.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

municipal

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

synonym : civic, city, urban

(1) **municipal** bond, (2) the **municipal** authorities

The **municipal** government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

thoroughfare

n. a main road, street, or avenue

synonym : street, road, highway

(1) no **thoroughfare**, (2) two-lane **thoroughfare**

The main **thoroughfare** was clogged with rush hour traffic.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym : roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

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.

pedestrian

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

synonym : walker, footer

(1) **pedestrian** accident, (2) **pedestrian** safety

A **pedestrian** is an uncommon sight in this area.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym : pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym: park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

impeach

v. to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

synonym: charge, accuse, claim

(1) **impeach** him with an error, (2) **impeach** official

The House of Representatives **impeached** the president for abuse of power.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make

someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

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

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

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.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym: cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

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.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

nationwide

adj. extending throughout an entire nation

synonym : countrywide, national

(1) **nationwide** strike, (2) **nationwide** network

This is a **nationwide** campaign to recruit women into trade unions.

cocktail

n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal

synonym : appetizer, beverage

(1) a light **cocktail**, (2) **cocktail** of chemicals

We invited some friends for a **cocktail** party.

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.

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.

insist

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

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene
The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**
Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

top-down

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

synonym : centralized, hierarchical

(1) **top-down** management, (2) **top-down** approach
The **top-down** management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. a s__d coat | <i>n.</i> a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant |
| 2. reg_____on by the government | <i>n.</i> an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule |
| 3. dem_____ic analyses | <i>n.</i> a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc. |
| 4. f__e abroad | <i>v.</i> to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger |
| 5. st_____d service | <i>n.</i> a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc. |
| 6. deg_____on by heat | <i>n.</i> the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state |
| 7. res_____ce in popularity | <i>n.</i> the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance |
| 8. in___t in stocks | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |

ANSWERS: 1. seed, 2. regulation, 3. demographic, 4. flee, 5. steward, 6. degradation, 7. resurgence, 8. invest

9. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
10. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
11. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
12. j__z club *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression
13. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
14. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
15. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
16. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
19. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

ANSWERS: 9. naive, 10. movement, 11. hospitalize, 12. jazz, 13. highway, 14. affordable, 15. propose, 16. separate, 17. opportune, 18. folk, 19. physically

20. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
21. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
22. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
23. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
24. j_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
25. per_____us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
26. a children's w__d *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
27. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
28. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
29. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 20. beget, 21. incredibly, 22. regulation, 23. reputation, 24. jog, 25. pernicious, 26. ward, 27. transit, 28. pitch, 29. outlaw

30. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
31. a campus dem_____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
32. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
33. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
34. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
35. have an ant_____ed custom *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
36. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
37. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
38. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
39. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

ANSWERS: 30. perspective, 31. demonstration, 32. fin, 33. landscape, 34. deficit, 35. antiquated, 36. vulnerable, 37. atmosphere, 38. zone, 39. untold

40. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
41. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
42. co___r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
43. bl___t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
44. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
45. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
46. a l__e older man *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
47. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
48. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
49. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
50. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
51. fe_____le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

ANSWERS: 40. structural, 41. puppy, 42. collar, 43. blight, 44. incidentally, 45. despair, 46. lame, 47. incredibly, 48. untapped, 49. quarter, 50. burden, 51. feasible

52. ant_____ed system *adj.* outdated or old-fashioned
53. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
54. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
55. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
56. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
57. nat_____de strike *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
58. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
59. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
60. enormous ex_____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
61. work pe____t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

ANSWERS: 52. antiquated, 53. sustainable, 54. ugly, 55. steward, 56. conversation, 57. nationwide, 58. landscape, 59. pollute, 60. expense, 61. permit

62. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
63. l_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
64. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
65. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
66. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
67. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
68. ex_____e account *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
69. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
70. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
71. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
72. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 62. expansion, 63. lax, 64. associate, 65. installation, 66. illegal, 67. dedicate, 68. expense, 69. fin, 70. strive, 71. mass, 72. incredible

73. delinquent ta_____er	<i>n.</i> a person who pays taxes to the government
74. assignment for the une_____ed youth	<i>adj.</i> not having a job, although able to work
75. in___e my house against fire	<i>v.</i> to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
76. op_____e 24 hours a day	<i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something
77. ga___r attention	<i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
78. di___e the cake into two pieces	<i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
79. u__y building	<i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
80. w__d nurse	<i>n.</i> a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
81. sc__t resources	<i>adj.</i> barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
82. ha___ed the incident	<i>v.</i> to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
83. make a pr___t	<i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
84. re_____e a phone	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
85. ab_____n the practice	<i>v.</i> to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 73. taxpayer, 74. unemployed, 75. insure, 76. operate, 77. garner, 78. divide, 79. ugly, 80. ward, 81. scant, 82. handle, 83. profit, 84. replace, 85. abandon

86. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
87. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
88. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
89. ma____n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
90. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
91. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
92. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
93. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
94. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
95. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
96. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 86. despair, 87. urban, 88. compete, 89. malign, 90. compete, 91. garbage, 92. distribute, 93. torch, 94. grant, 95. stake, 96. sham

97. gh___o school *n.* an area of a city in which members of a particular group, typically an ethnic minority, usually live in poverty and with a high population density
98. not_____ing the preceding provisions *adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
99. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
100. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
101. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
102. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
103. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
104. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
105. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
106. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
107. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 97. ghetto, 98. notwithstanding, 99. capitalism, 100. president, 101. injustice, 102. plaza, 103. participate, 104. nurture, 105. participate, 106. permit, 107. confer

108. la_____sh for lack of funding *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
109. not_____ing my protests *adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
110. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
111. de_____cy advocate *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
112. pa_____nd trail *n.* an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area
113. ta_____er money *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
114. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
115. the mu_____al authorities *adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
116. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
117. dis_____ent plan *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
118. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely

ANSWERS: 108. languish, 109. notwithstanding, 110. abuse, 111. democracy, 112. parkland, 113. taxpayer, 114. quarter, 115. municipal, 116. incorporate, 117. disinvestment, 118. virtually

119. the es_____de along the lake *n.* a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
120. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
121. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
122. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
123. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
124. parched s___l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
125. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
126. r___e a forest *v.* to tear down or demolish completely
127. a ho___d of vice *n.* a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
128. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
129. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 119. esplanade, 120. violent, 121. stable, 122. conversation, 123. pursue, 124. soil, 125. destroy, 126. raze, 127. hotbed, 128. aggressive, 129. strategy

130. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
131. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
132. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
133. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
134. break with pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
135. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
136. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
137. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
138. crude pe_____um *n.* a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel
139. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
140. live in deg_____on *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

ANSWERS: 130. architect, 131. profitable, 132. drag, 133. decision-maker, 134. precedent, 135. resurgence, 136. influence, 137. operate, 138. petroleum, 139. expand, 140. degradation

141. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
142. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
143. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
144. sl____e treatment *n.* a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
145. tr____e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
146. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
147. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
148. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
149. be____d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
150. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 141. opportune, 142. forgiveness, 143. transport, 144. sludge, 145. triple, 146. whistle, 147. preserve, 148. afford, 149. behold, 150. deem

151. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
152. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
153. per____us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
154. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
155. geographical pr____ty *n.* the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
156. first-aid tr____nt *n.* the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.
157. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
158. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
159. wo____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
160. guarantee re____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
161. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 151. naive, 152. acre, 153. pernicious, 154. destroy, 155. proximity, 156. treatment, 157. strive, 158. decision, 159. worthless, 160. reliable, 161. fellow

162. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
163. l__e apology *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
164. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
165. es_____de park *n.* a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
166. dis_____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
167. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
168. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
169. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
170. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
171. a light co_____il *n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
172. spr_____rd launch *n.* a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

ANSWERS: 162. corporation, 163. lame, 164. facility, 165. esplanade, 166. disinvestment, 167. illegal, 168. afford, 169. investor, 170. chemical, 171. cocktail, 172. springboard

173. ref_____ve practice	<i>adj.</i> showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound
174. ho_____e environment	<i>adj.</i> unfriendly or aggressively opposed
175. dem_____ion project	<i>n.</i> a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
176. di_____ce workers	<i>v.</i> to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
177. ur__n property owners	<i>adj.</i> relating to or located in a town or city
178. r__e a city to the ground	<i>v.</i> to tear down or demolish completely
179. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
180. res_____le for a customer service	<i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
181. high levels of air po_____on	<i>n.</i> the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
182. wat_____nt view	<i>n.</i> the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean
183. a s__m battle	<i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 173. reflective, 174. hostile, 175. demonstration, 176. displace, 177. urban, 178. raze, 179. communal, 180. responsible, 181. pollution, 182. waterfront, 183. sham

184. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
185. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
186. od___s task *adj.* arousing intense dislike or disgust
187. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
188. st_____m seating *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
189. ped_____an safety *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
190. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
191. juvenile di_____es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
192. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
193. w__d management *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
194. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
195. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 184. affordable, 185. worthless, 186. odious, 187. pose, 188. stadium, 189. pedestrian, 190. hospitalize, 191. diabetes, 192. outlaw, 193. weed, 194. ratio, 195. mass

196. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
197. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
198. di____l engine *n.* a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel
199. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
200. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
201. heavy ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
202. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
203. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
204. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
205. pr_____ty sensor, *n.* the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time
206. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

ANSWERS: 196. statistics, 197. communal, 198. diesel, 199. wealth, 200. coal, 201. rainfall, 202. insist, 203. commerce, 204. exploit, 205. proximity, 206. pollution

207. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
208. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
209. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
210. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
211. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
212. pa_____nd area *n.* an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area
213. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
214. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
215. take up a ho_____e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
216. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 207. triple, 208. whistle, 209. sect, 210. compromise, 211. coal, 212. parkland, 213. moral, 214. confer, 215. hostile, 216. movement

217. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
218. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
219. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
220. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
221. st_____m capacity *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
222. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
223. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
224. sa___e his company with so much debt *n.* a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal; (verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task
225. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
226. un___d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

ANSWERS: 217. resident, 218. embrace, 219. largely, 220. deficit, 221. stadium, 222. anticipate, 223. phase, 224. saddle, 225. boom, 226. untold

227. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
228. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
229. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
230. re____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
231. con____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
232. re____gn project *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
233. an av___e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
234. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
235. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
236. a pro____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
237. there is no other alt____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 227. fellow, 228. ignore, 229. graduate, 230. reliable, 231. contribute, 232. redesign, 233. avenue, 234. excuse, 235. strategy, 236. profitable, 237. alternative

238. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
239. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
240. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
241. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
242. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
243. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
244. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
245. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
246. sit in a ne_____nt posture *adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
247. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 238. associate, 239. butterfly, 240. ecology, 241. abundance, 242. locate, 243. embrace, 244. degrade, 245. surround, 246. negligent, 247. lane

248. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
249. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
250. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
251. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
252. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
253. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
254. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
255. act of au_____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
256. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
257. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
258. a su_____y for research *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

ANSWERS: 248. structural, 249. ecology, 250. decide, 251. vow, 252. divide, 253. graduate, 254. environment, 255. audacity, 256. decide, 257. sustainable, 258. subsidy

259. the mean annual ra_____ll	<i>n.</i> the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
260. ind_____al freedom	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
261. ab____b energy	<i>v.</i> to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
262. a tr_____t visa	<i>n.</i> the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
263. nurse a pu__y	<i>n.</i> a young dog, usually less than a year old
264. in____t capital	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
265. com_____se the matter	<i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
266. re_____e one word with another	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
267. fo_____te situation	<i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky
268. a bad pr_____nt	<i>n.</i> a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
269. br__k autumn weather	<i>adj.</i> lively and energetic
270. performance in_____ors	<i>n.</i> something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
271. compliance with reg_____ry requirements	<i>adj.</i> having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

ANSWERS: 259. rainfall, 260. individual, 261. absorb, 262. transit, 263. puppy, 264. invest, 265. compromise, 266. replace, 267. fortunate, 268. precedent, 269. brisk, 270. indicator, 271. regulatory

272. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
273. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
274. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
275. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
276. be_____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
277. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
278. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
279. br__k argument *adj.* lively and energetic
280. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
281. fashion me____r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
282. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
283. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 272. bless, 273. quotation, 274. gulf, 275. pitch, 276. beloved, 277. emerge, 278. mention, 279. brisk, 280. vow, 281. mentor, 282. fortunate, 283. exploit

284. off_____ts topic *adj.* not allowed to be entered or used
285. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
286. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
287. progress to a level wh_____n *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
288. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
289. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
290. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
291. co_____il of chemicals *n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
292. le__r for reform *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
293. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 284. off-limits, 285. solid, 286. chemical, 287. wherein, 288. emergency, 289. possibility, 290. prop, 291. cocktail, 292. lever, 293. stable

294. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
295. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
296. inefficient fossil fuel su____y *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
297. pr_____ve approach *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
298. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
299. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
300. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
301. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
302. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
303. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
304. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
305. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

ANSWERS: 294. flee, 295. symbol, 296. subsidy, 297. proactive, 298. gulf, 299. seed, 300. property, 301. soil, 302. zone, 303. separate, 304. emerge, 305. politically

306. ga___r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
307. the la____rd of an inn *n.* a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.
308. nat____de network *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
309. an agg____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
310. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
311. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
312. spr____rd dive *n.* a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements
313. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
314. ins____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
315. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 306. garner, 307. landlord, 308. nationwide, 309. aggressive, 310. dedicate, 311. decision, 312. springboard, 313. analyze, 314. installation, 315. excuse

316. ob____y-related diseases	<i>n.</i> the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.
317. a joy to be____d	<i>v.</i> to look at and observe with attention
318. gr____ed flask	<i>adj.</i> having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
319. holy re__cs	<i>n.</i> an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
320. suit against the la____rd	<i>n.</i> a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.
321. d__p the gravel on the road	<i>v.</i> to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
322. be____d author	<i>adj.</i> loved very much
323. adm____er the funds	<i>v.</i> to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
324. loss of muscle coo____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
325. gov____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
326. re__n information	<i>v.</i> to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
327. l_x border controls	<i>adj.</i> not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

ANSWERS: 316. obesity, 317. behold, 318. graduated, 319. relic, 320. landlord, 321. dump, 322. beloved, 323. administer, 324. coordination, 325. government, 326. retain, 327. lax

328. reg_____ry cells *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
329. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
330. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
331. la_____sh under illness *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
332. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
333. throughout the co_____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
334. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
335. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
336. ped_____an accident *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
337. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
338. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

ANSWERS: 328. regulatory, 329. slave, 330. unemployed, 331. languish, 332. visionary, 333. county, 334. environment, 335. poverty, 336. pedestrian, 337. analyze, 338. torch

339. en_____ on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
340. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
341. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
342. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
343. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
344. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
345. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
346. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
347. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
348. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
349. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

ANSWERS: 339. envision, 340. violent, 341. agenda, 342. hop, 343. stake, 344. relic, 345. dump, 346. unhealthy, 347. handle, 348. imprison, 349. toxic

350. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
351. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
352. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
353. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
354. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
355. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
356. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
357. an av_____e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
358. lo_____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
359. narcotic tra_____ng *n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
360. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
361. tr_____nt by diet *n.* the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.

ANSWERS: 350. responsible, 351. straight, 352. incredible, 353. influential, 354. folk, 355. atmosphere, 356. improve, 357. avenue, 358. locate, 359. trafficking, 360. bless, 361. treatment

362. re_____gn of lifestyle *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
363. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
364. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
365. ho_____wn talent *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
366. im_____h official *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
367. beg for for _____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
368. a fatal in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
369. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
370. a com_____ive explanation *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
371. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
372. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
373. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 362. redesign, 363. pile, 364. indicator, 365. homegrown, 366. impeach, 367. forgiveness, 368. injury, 369. expand, 370. comprehensive, 371. physically, 372. graduated, 373. industrious

374. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
375. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
376. two-lane tho_____are *n.* a main road, street, or avenue
377. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
378. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
379. sl___e removal *n.* a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
380. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
381. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
382. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
383. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
384. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 374. solid, 375. pursue, 376. thoroughfare, 377. property, 378. envision, 379. sludge, 380. commerce, 381. contribute, 382. sect, 383. absorb, 384. typical

385. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
386. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
387. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
388. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
389. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
390. install a wa____y *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
391. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
392. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
393. liquefied pe_____um gas *n.* a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel
394. to_____wn management *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
395. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

ANSWERS: 385. highway, 386. intelligence, 387. abuse, 388. quotation, 389. toxic, 390. walkway, 391. pile, 392. virtually, 393. petroleum, 394. top-down, 395. proportion

396. re____l truck *n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
397. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
398. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
399. the form of a small pe____t *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
400. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
401. an un____d place *adj.* not being used, or never having been used
402. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
403. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
404. re____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
405. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
406. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 396. removal, 397. hunt, 398. capitalism, 399. pellet, 400. influence, 401. unused, 402. architect, 403. inevitable, 404. retain, 405. clue, 406. perception

407. cyclonic des_____on	<i>n.</i>	the act of causing so much damage to something
408. sp_____ad movement	<i>v.</i>	to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
409. pa___e route	<i>n.</i>	a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
410. me___r for life	<i>n.</i>	a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
411. inc_____te the current trends	<i>v.</i>	to include something as a part of a larger entity
412. ga_____e collection	<i>n.</i>	waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
413. a c___e to the diagnosis	<i>n.</i>	an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
414. d__m socially responsible	<i>v.</i>	to consider or decide something in a particular way
415. direct pro_____on	<i>n.</i>	a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
416. a ho___d of the drug trade	<i>n.</i>	a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
417. a per_____ve view	<i>n.</i>	a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
418. cor_____on assets	<i>n.</i>	a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 407. destruction, 408. spearhead, 409. parade, 410. mentor, 411. incorporate, 412. garbage, 413. clue, 414. deem, 415. proportion, 416. hotbed, 417. perspective, 418. corporation

419. the characters that re_____nt numbers	v.	to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
420. p__e a challenge	v.	to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
421. carry a bu___n	n.	a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
422. re___d the situation as unfortunate	v.	to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
423. the gra_____ts factor in making the decision	adj.	of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
424. path of des_____on	n.	the act of causing so much damage to something
425. as___a attack	n.	a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing
426. vul_____le parts of the body	adj.	capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
427. un_____hy habit	adj.	not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
428. su_____nd a town	v.	to be all around something or somebody
429. inn_____on leader	n.	the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 419. represent, 420. pose, 421. burden, 422. regard, 423. grassroots, 424. destruction, 425. asthma, 426. vulnerable, 427. unhealthy, 428. surround, 429. innovation

430. gross pr___t	<i>n.</i>	money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
431. sp_____ad campaign	<i>v.</i>	to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
432. be__t children	<i>v.</i>	to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
433. an a__e of forest	<i>n.</i>	a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
434. all ability to mo_____te	<i>v.</i>	to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
435. conduct a com_____ive survey	<i>adj.</i>	complete and including all or everything necessary
436. rev_____ion of humanity	<i>n.</i>	the process of giving new life or energy to something
437. re_____nt by a diagram	<i>v.</i>	to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
438. a private ind_____al	<i>n.</i>	a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
439. ma___n influence	<i>v.</i>	to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
440. 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

ANSWERS: 430. profit, 431. spearhead, 432. beget, 433. acre, 434. motivate, 435. comprehensive, 436. revitalization, 437. represent, 438. individual, 439. malign, 440. democracy

441. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
442. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
443. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
444. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
445. improve sta_____er relations *n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
446. sc__t century *adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount
447. gh___o apartments *n.* an area of a city in which members of a particular group, typically an ethnic minority, usually live in poverty and with a high population density
448. od___s character *adj.* arousing intense dislike or disgust
449. j_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
450. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
451. po_____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 441. prop, 442. politically, 443. untapped, 444. abandon, 445. stakeholder, 446. scant, 447. ghetto, 448. odious, 449. jog, 450. largely, 451. possess

452. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
453. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
454. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
455. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
456. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
457. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
458. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
459. ne_____nt behavior *adj.* not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters
460. und_____zed space *adj.* not used as much as is possible or necessary
461. bestride a sa___e *n.* a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal; (verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task
462. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 452. intelligence, 453. ignore, 454. pimp, 455. lane, 456. innovation, 457. demographic, 458. revitalization, 459. negligent, 460. underutilized, 461. saddle, 462. insist

463. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
464. as___a symptoms *n.* a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing
465. und_____zed resources *adj.* not used as much as is possible or necessary
466. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
467. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
468. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
469. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
470. pl_____nt agency *n.* the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
471. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
472. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
473. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 463. construct, 464. asthma, 465. underutilized, 466. prostitute, 467. injury, 468. insure, 469. agenda, 470. placement, 471. industrious, 472. brilliant, 473. preserve

474. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
475. ho_____wn produce *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
476. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
477. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
478. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
479. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
480. suffer from ob_____y *n.* the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.
481. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
482. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
483. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
484. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 474. regard, 475. homegrown, 476. straight, 477. investor, 478. radical, 479. crack, 480. obesity, 481. slave, 482. unfortunately, 483. expansion, 484. radical

485. policy dec_____ker	<i>n.</i>	a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
486. material we___h	<i>n.</i>	a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
487. mo__l burden	<i>adj.</i>	concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
488. sta_____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i>	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
489. the cycle of po_____y	<i>n.</i>	the condition of being extremely poor
490. a gra_____ts movement for nuclear disarmament	<i>adj.</i>	of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
491. pos_____ty for growth	<i>n.</i>	a chance that something may happen or be true
492. an ab_____ce of examples	<i>n.</i>	a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
493. gr__t a new license	<i>v.</i>	to agree to give or allow somebody
494. pe___t stove	<i>n.</i>	a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
495. pull up a w__d	<i>n.</i>	a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
496. co___r of a dog	<i>n.</i>	a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket

ANSWERS: 485. decision-maker, 486. wealth, 487. moral, 488. statistics, 489. poverty, 490. grassroots, 491. possibility, 492. abundance, 493. grant, 494. pellet, 495. weed, 496. collar

497. tra_____ng operation *n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
498. im_____h him with an error *v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office
499. mu_____al bond *adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
500. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
501. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
502. to_____wn approach *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
503. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
504. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
505. a ref_____ve surface *adj.* showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound
506. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 497. trafficking, 498. impeach, 499. municipal, 500. distribute, 501. gore, 502. top-down, 503. pollute, 504. gore, 505. reflective, 506. transport

507. po____s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
508. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
509. inc_____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
510. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
511. cum_____ve damage *adj.* increasing or growing by one addition after another
512. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
513. ut____e a different approach *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
514. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
515. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
516. wat_____nt property *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean
517. a school j__z band *n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

ANSWERS: 507. possess, 508. fortune, 509. incidentally, 510. sew, 511. cumulative, 512. sew, 513. utilize, 514. alternative, 515. pimp, 516. waterfront, 517. jazz

518. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
519. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
520. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
521. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
522. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
523. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
524. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
525. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
526. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
527. bl___t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
528. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
529. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 518. government, 519. brilliant, 520. audacity, 521. ratio, 522. unfortunately, 523. influential, 524. propose, 525. nurture, 526. symbol, 527. blight, 528. mention, 529. fortune

530. h__t a job	<i>v.</i>	to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
531. di___l car	<i>n.</i>	a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel
532. no tho_____are	<i>n.</i>	a main road, street, or avenue
533. cum_____ve improvement	<i>adj.</i>	increasing or growing by one addition after another
534. re_____nt tax	<i>n.</i>	a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
535. a bullet left un____d	<i>adj.</i>	not being used, or never having been used
536. a military pa____e	<i>n.</i>	a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
537. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty	<i>n.</i>	a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
538. d__g a chair over	<i>v.</i>	to pull or haul with force
539. pro_____te street	<i>n.</i>	a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
540. vi_____ry business	<i>adj.</i>	having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
541. co_____ct a 3D image	<i>v.</i>	to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
542. sta_____er engagement	<i>n.</i>	a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business

ANSWERS: 530. hunt, 531. diesel, 532. thoroughfare, 533. cumulative, 534. resident, 535. unused, 536. parade, 537. facility, 538. drag, 539. prostitute, 540. visionary, 541. construct, 542. stakeholder

543. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
544. data coo_____ion *n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
545. wa_____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
546. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
547. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
548. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
549. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
550. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
551. dental tartar re_____l *n.* the act of taking something away or off from a particular place
552. memorial pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

ANSWERS: 543. butterfly, 544. coordination, 545. walkway, 546. boom, 547. perception, 548. county, 549. improve, 550. phase, 551. removal, 552. plaza

553. di____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
554. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
555. wh____n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
556. de____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
557. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
558. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
559. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
560. pr_____ve about doing the task *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
561. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 553. displace, 554. crack, 555. wherein, 556. degrade, 557. emergency, 558. reputation, 559. inevitable, 560. proactive, 561. motivate

562. economically fe_____le	<i>adj.</i> capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
563. di_____es patient	<i>n.</i> a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
564. fairly ty_____l symptoms	<i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
565. 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
566. pl_____nt test	<i>n.</i> the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
567. off_____ts to development	<i>adj.</i> not allowed to be entered or used
568. h_p on one foot	<i>v.</i> to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
569. adm_____er justice	<i>v.</i> to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
570. im_____on myself within the room	<i>v.</i> to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
571. in_____ce system	<i>n.</i> a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
572. vice-pr_____nt for finance	<i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 562. feasible, 563. diabetes, 564. typical, 565. lever, 566. placement, 567. off-limits, 568. hop, 569. administer, 570. imprison, 571. injustice, 572. president

573. ut____e a catheter

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

574. ant_____te your kind cooperation

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

ANSWERS: 573. utilize, 574. anticipate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
2. The company is planning to _____ its website.
v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
3. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
4. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
5. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
6. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
7. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.
adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
8. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 1. Gulf, 2. redesign, 3. abuse, 4. incorporate, 5. torch, 6. reliable, 7. feasible, 8. incredibly

9. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.
n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
10. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
11. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
12. The _____ government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.
adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
13. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, _____ they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.
adv. in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
14. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
15. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
16. The primary purpose of the _____ is pain relief.
n. the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.

ANSWERS: 9. weeds, 10. expansion, 11. largely, 12. municipal, 13. wherein, 14. garner, 15. confer, 16. treatment

17. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
18. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
19. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
- n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
20. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
- v.* to look at and observe with attention
21. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.
- n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
22. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
23. The patient was moved to the intensive care _____ for further treatment.
- n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
24. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 17. president, 18. reputation, 19. regulation, 20. behold, 21. indicator, 22. associate, 23. ward, 24. Capitalism

25. 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
26. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
27. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
28. The company's decision to engage in _____ led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.
n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
29. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.
adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed
30. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
31. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
32. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 25. transportation, 26. possibility, 27. strategy, 28. disinvestment, 29. hostile, 30. relic, 31. acres, 32. stable

33. The prevalence of _____ has increased significantly in recent years.
n. the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.
34. That car has a low environmental _____.
n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
35. 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
36. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
37. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
38. The country's economy relies heavily on its _____ industry.
n. a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel
39. The old building was _____ to make way for a new one.
v. to tear down or demolish completely
40. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.
n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

ANSWERS: 33. obesity, 34. burden, 35. radical, 36. inevitable, 37. quarter, 38. petroleum, 39. razed, 40. puppy

41. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
42. The government provided a considerable _____ to the company.
n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
43. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
44. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
45. The factory has been _____ for years and requires renovation.
adj. not used as much as is possible or necessary
46. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.
n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
47. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
48. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 41. perspective, 42. subsidy, 43. physically, 44. naive, 45. underutilized, 46. expenses, 47. ecology, 48. sect

49. The article _____ the company's reputation with false accusations.
v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
50. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.
n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
51. The organization held _____ consultations to gather input on the project.
n. a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
52. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.
adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
53. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
54. The lovely seaside _____ provided a beautiful view of the ocean and a popular spot for evening walks.
n. a wide, open area, typically by the sea or a river, used for recreational activities or public events
55. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
56. The project's success became a _____ for the team to pursue bigger and more ambitious goals.
n. a board or device used for jumping or diving into the water or for launching oneself into the air for gymnastics or other acrobatic movements

ANSWERS: 49. maligned, 50. walkway, 51. stakeholder, 52. fellow, 53. commerce, 54. esplanade, 55. poverty, 56. springboard

57. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

58. Human _____ is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.

n. the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders

59. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

60. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

61. He complained about the price of tenant pays to the _____.

n. a person or organization that rents a room, a house, an office, etc.

62. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

63. Synchronized swimming needs close _____ between six performers.

n. the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

64. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 57. deemed, 58. trafficking, 59. pollution, 60. symbol, 61. landlord, 62. aggressive, 63. coordination, 64. influence

65. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

66. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

67. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

68. The ___ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

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

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

70. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

71. He gained debt _____.

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

72. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 65. straight, 66. decision-makers, 67. landscape, 68. lax, 69. government, 70. surround, 71. forgiveness, 72. environment

73. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
74. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
75. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
76. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.
n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket
77. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
78. The _____ at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.
n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
79. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
80. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
81. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 73. industrious, 74. emerged, 75. sham, 76. collar, 77. exploit, 78. sludge, 79. blessed, 80. decision, 81. destroyed

82. 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
83. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
84. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
85. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
86. The sponge _____ water well.
v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
87. I am here to save my _____.
adj. loved very much
88. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.
n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
89. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 82. agenda, 83. atmosphere, 84. pitch, 85. profit, 86. absorbs, 87. beloved, 88. deficit, 89. replace

90. My accidental _____ got better right away.

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

91. He _____ a good sense of humor.

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

92. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

93. We cannot _____ her as President.

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

94. 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

95. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

96. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

97. 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

ANSWERS: 90. injury, 91. possesses, 92. stadium, 93. envision, 94. fins, 95. Virtually, 96. responsible, 97. invest

98. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

99. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

100. He put the _____ on the horse before going for a ride.

n. a seat for a rider on the back of a horse or other animal; (verb) to burden someone with responsibility or task

101. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

102. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

103. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

104. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

105. This is a _____ campaign to recruit women into trade unions.

adj. extending throughout an entire nation

106. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

ANSWERS: 98. administer, 99. hopped, 100. saddle, 101. divide, 102. toxic, 103. handle, 104. distributed, 105. nationwide, 106. degradation

107. _____ I know the answer to that question.

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

108. The restaurant prides itself on its _____ ingredients sourced from local farms.

adj. grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

109. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

110. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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

111. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

112. 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

113. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

114. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

115. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.

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

ANSWERS: 107. Incidentally, 108. homegrown, 109. triple, 110. propose, 111. butterfly, 112. decide, 113. pimp, 114. unfortunately, 115. quotation

116. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
- v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
117. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
- v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
118. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
119. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.
- v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
120. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
121. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
- n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
122. The president declared a state of _____.
- n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
123. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
- n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 116. whistle-blow, 117. regarded, 118. conversation, 119. permit, 120. folk, 121. slave, 122. emergency, 123. abundance

124. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

125. The _____ horse was unable to race.

adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

126. The restricted area was _____ to visitors.

adj. not allowed to be entered or used

127. He cannot _____ a holiday.

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

128. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

129. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

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

130. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

131. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

132. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 124. compete, 125. lame, 126. off-limits, 127. afford, 128. unemployed, 129. structural, 130. politically, 131. prostitute, 132. participated

133. The old entrance area is now _____.
adj. not being used, or never having been used
134. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
135. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
136. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
137. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
138. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
139. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
140. As a _____ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.
n. a person who pays taxes to the government

ANSWERS: 133. unused, 134. brilliant, 135. improve, 136. abandoned, 137. piles, 138. opportune, 139. property, 140. taxpayer,

141. The _____ surrounding the lake was a popular spot for picnics and outdoor activities.

n. an area of open land designated for public use as a park or recreation area

142. The cook _____ the leftover oxtail to make soup.

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

143. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

144. A _____ is an uncommon sight in this area.

n. a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

145. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

146. The _____ of the statue caused much controversy in the community.

n. the act of taking something away or off from a particular place

147. They explored every _____ they could think of.

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

148. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

ANSWERS: 141. parkland, 142. utilized, 143. urban, 144. pedestrian, 145. stake, 146. removal, 147. avenue, 148. facility,

149. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
150. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
151. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
152. We invited some friends for a _____ party.
n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
153. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
154. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
155. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
156. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.
n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 149. alternative, 150. intelligence, 151. visionary, 152. cocktail, 153. Communal, 154. chemical, 155. expand, 156. installation

157. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

158. The factory was forced to shut down due to its _____ equipment.

adj. outdated or old-fashioned

159. _____ 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

160. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

161. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

162. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

163. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

164. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

ANSWERS: 157. investors, 158. antiquated, 159. Democracy, 160. crack, 161. corporation, 162. phase, 163. precedents, 164. ratio

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

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

166. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

167. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

168. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

169. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

170. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

171. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

172. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

ANSWERS: 165. transit, 166. proportion, 167. Soil, 168. represent, 169. statistics, 170. outlaw, 171. county's, 172. resurgence

173. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.
n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
174. 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
175. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
adj. not expensive and able to pay
176. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
177. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
178. The main _____ was clogged with rush hour traffic.
n. a main road, street, or avenue
179. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
180. He continues to _____ in prison.
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to lose vigor, health, or flesh; to be forced to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation or place, often for a long time
181. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 173. audacity, 174. lever, 175. affordable, 176. graduated, 177. granted, 178. thoroughfare, 179. dragged, 180. languish, 181. sew

182. Computers help people _____ specific memories.

- v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

183. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

- n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

184. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.

- v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

185. He _____ his life to helping others.

- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

186. The city's _____ area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

- n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

187. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.

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

188. The CEO decided to _____ the new project to ensure its success.

- v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

189. They _____ to make their dream come true.

- v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

ANSWERS: 182. retain, 183. mass, 184. gored, 185. dedicated, 186. waterfront, 187. demographic, 188. spearhead, 189. strived

190. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
191. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
192. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
193. 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
194. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.
- n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
195. 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
196. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
- n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
197. The _____ of the two cities makes it easy to travel between them.
- n.* the state or quality of being near or close to something or someone in distance or time

ANSWERS: 190. destruction, 191. sustainable, 192. flee, 193. individual, 194. revitalization, 195. mentioned, 196. lane, 197. proximity

198. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
199. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
200. The city was a _____ of political activism.
n. a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
201. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
202. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
203. The _____ of the advertisement on the billboard was strategic in attracting a large audience.
n. the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
204. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
205. The residents of the _____ faced poverty and discrimination.
n. an area of a city in which members of a particular group, typically an ethnic minority, usually live in poverty and with a high population density

ANSWERS: 198. garbage, 199. fortune, 200. hotbed, 201. typical, 202. excuse, 203. placement, 204. ugly, 205. ghetto

206. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

207. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

208. He listened to _____ music to relax after a long day at work.

- n.* a type of music that originated in the African-American community in the United States and that is characterized by improvisation, syncopated rhythms, and a strong emphasis on self-expression

209. 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

210. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.

- n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

211. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

212. His friend's death drove him to _____.

- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 206. separate, 207. perception, 208. jazz, 209. prop, 210. mentor, 211. movement, 212. despair

213. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

214. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

- adj.* having good luck or lucky

215. The House of Representatives _____ the president for abuse of power.

- v.* to bring formal charges against a public official for misconduct in office

216. My father was tested for _____.

- n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

217. There was a _____ amount of food left in the fridge.

- adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

218. The _____ effect of years of neglect had taken its toll on the old building.

- adj.* increasing or growing by one addition after another

219. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.

- adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary

220. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.

- v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

221. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

- v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

ANSWERS: 213. coal, 214. fortunate, 215. impeached, 216. diabetes, 217. scant, 218. cumulative, 219. comprehensive, 220. blighted, 221. vowed

222. The _____ smell of rotting garbage filled the alley.

adj. arousing intense dislike or disgust

223. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

224. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

225. _____ his disapproval, the decree was passed.

adv. despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of

226. 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

227. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

228. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

229. The feeling among the company's _____ is that the CEO is not radical enough.

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

ANSWERS: 222. odious, 223. illegal, 224. degrade, 225. Notwithstanding, 226. pursue, 227. innovation, 228. zone, 229. grassroots

230. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

231. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

232. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

233. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

234. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

235. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

236. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

237. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

238. The _____ driver caused the accident by failing to stop at the red light.

adj. not being careful or giving enough attention to important matters

ANSWERS: 230. pose, 231. preserve, 232. insure, 233. beget, 234. architect, 235. analyze, 236. violent, 237. wealth, 238. negligent

239. The company _____ him after several years of service.

- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

240. He was _____ for embezzlement.

- v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

241. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

242. The woods _____ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

243. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.

- n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

244. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

245. She decided to _____ around the park to clear her head.

- v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

246. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 239. dumped, 240. imprisoned, 241. ignored, 242. embrace, 243. parade, 244. moral, 245. jog, 246. graduate

247. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

248. He wrote a _____ essay on his experiences during the past year.

adj. showing or characterized by deep thought; capable of physically sending back light or sound

249. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

250. The _____ influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

adj. causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

251. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

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

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

253. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

254. The company implemented _____ measures to prevent future issues.

adj. acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

255. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

ANSWERS: 247. pellet, 248. reflective, 249. operate, 250. pernicious, 251. contribute, 252. hunt, 253. vulnerable, 254. proactive, 255. unhealthy

256. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

257. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

258. Three young men were busking in the shopping _____.

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

259. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

260. In the past, Japanese banks were protected by _____ control.

adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

261. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

262. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

263. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 256. incredible, 257. worthless, 258. plaza, 259. displace, 260. regulatory, 261. locate, 262. boom, 263. steward

264. She walked with a _____ pace, eager to reach her destination.

adj. lively and energetic

265. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

266. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

267. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

268. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

269. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

270. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

271. The _____ management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

272. He always had to carry an inhaler due to his severe _____.

n. a chronic respiratory disease characterized by wheezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing

ANSWERS: 264. brisk, 265. pollute, 266. injustice, 267. hospitalized, 268. influential, 269. anticipate, 270. resident, 271. top-down, 272. asthma

273. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.

- n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

274. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

- n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

275. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

276. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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

277. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.

- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

278. These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant _____.

- n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment

279. The _____ of water is called ice.

- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

280. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

- adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

ANSWERS: 273. demonstration, 274. seed, 275. motivate, 276. insisted, 277. nurture, 278. rainfall, 279. solid-state, 280. untold

281. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

282. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

283. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

284. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

285. The forest held many _____ resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

adj. not yet used or exploited

286. Nearly all tractors operate on _____ fuel.

n. a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel

287. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

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

ANSWERS: 281. profitable, 282. clue, 283. constructs, 284. compromised, 285. untapped, 286. diesel, 287. highway