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Session 1: Word List

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym: informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

webinar

n. a seminar or presentation that is conducted virtually over the internet, usually with an interactive component that allows for audience participation

synonym: web conference, online seminar, virtual workshop

(1) **webinar** registration, (2) attend a **webinar**

I learned a lot from the **webinar** on digital marketing.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

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.

lighthearted

adj. carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous

synonym : carefree, playful, jovial

(1) **lighthearted** banter, (2) **lighthearted** humor

The couple shared a **lighthearted** moment at the amusement park, reminiscing about their childhoods.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

validate

v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

synonym : approve, certify, verify

(1) **validate** a hypothesis, (2) **validate** a passport

To **validate** your purchase, please visit the following link.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym : merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas
A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym: chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

introvert

n. a shy and reticent person

synonym: observer, loner, solitary

(1) **introvert** personality, (2) **introvert** behavior

Being an **introvert** is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym:

player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**
His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life
The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation
He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

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**.

zero-sum

adj. referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

synonym: equivalent, balanced, even-handed

(1) **zero-sum** economics, (2) **zero-sum** mentality

In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a **zero-sum** game, with only one player able to win each match.

meaningless

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

synonym: pointless, absurd, senseless

(1) a **meaningless** endeavor, (2) do a **meaningless** task

This experiment's results are **meaningless** because the

other conditions are not identical.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

rant

v. to talk or complain in a loud, angry, or intense manner, often for an extended period of time, usually about something that one feels strongly about

synonym: jabber, vent, grumble

(1) **rant** online, (2) **rant** about the service

I listened to my boss **rant** about the company's latest project for an hour.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

- yell** v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.
- drain** v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
synonym: draw off, bleed
(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid
Push the button and let the water **drain** away.
- reserve** v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
synonym: keep, hold, preserve
(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket
You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.
- resilient** *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
synonym: robust, sturdy, tough
(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population
She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- anxiety** *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
synonym: concern, dread, agita
(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.
- fake** *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

culprit

n. someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
synonym: criminal, felon, fugitive

(1) the **culprit** of global warming, (2) the arrest of the **culprit**
They finally found the **culprit** of the bug after a long time.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

consumption

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

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

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

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo
I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

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.

hypnotize

v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

synonym: grip, enchant, anesthetize

(1) **hypnotize** a subject, (2) **hypnotize** them against negative minds

The local sorcerer insists that he can **hypnotize** him into a deep trance.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

leisure

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

synonym: relaxation, rest, downtime

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

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

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym : attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

qualify

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

synonym : permit, authorize, allow

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

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

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.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

intellect

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

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym: deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym: create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym: nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

Don

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

assure

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

synonym: ensure, guarantee, promise

(1) **assure** safety, (2) **assure** quality

I want to **assure** you that you have my full support.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry

norms.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

conducive

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

synonym: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth

The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

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.

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.

guarantee

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

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

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

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

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

magnet

n. an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel

synonym : magnetite, lodestone, attracting substance

(1) **magnet** attraction, (2) permanent **magnet**

The MRI machine uses **magnets** to produce images of the body's internal organs.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

cognizant

adj. aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something

synonym : aware, mindful, conscious

(1) **cognizant** of the risk, (2) become **cognizant**

I have to be **cognizant** of my budget when I go on vacation.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym : abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**
RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house
He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction
The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

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.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars
The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**
The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym: skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend
The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym: notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

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.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

fritter

n. a small amount of something, often food, that has been battered and fried; a waste of time, money, or resources on unimportant or trivial matters; (verb) to spend frivolously and unwisely

synonym: squander, waste, dissipate

(1) **fritter** away my trust, (2) a **fritter** recipe

The restaurant served tasty **fritters** as an appetizer.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by

gunfire.

balance

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

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

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.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

preschool

adj. relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time

synonym : nursery, kindergarten, daycare

(1) **preschool** education, (2) during **preschool** years

My old school's **preschool** program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

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.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

figurine

n. a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or

animal

synonym : statue, ornament, sculpture

(1) **figurine** collection, (2) anime **figurine**

My friend gifted me a miniature **figurine** of my favorite comic book character.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

inertia

n. the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

synonym : sluggishness, lethargy, idleness

(1) **inertia** resistance, (2) Newton's law of **inertia**

The object's **inertia** kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

extrovert

n. a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

synonym : outgoing, sociable, gregarious

(1) **extrovert** social skills, (2) natural **extrovert**

She intentionally acts like an **extrovert**.

clown

n. a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

synonym : jester, harlequin, comedian

(1) a **clown** act, (2) act as a **clown**

She dressed up as a Halloween **clown** with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

oriented

adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

synonym : aligned, directed, focused

(1) **oriented** graph, (2) technology- **oriented**

The company is very customer- **oriented** and strives to

provide excellent service.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

carol

n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

synonym : song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

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

He was **naturally** gifted.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym : developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

scan

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

synonym : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**
As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

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.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

synonym: intentionally, knowingly, willfully

(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime **deliberately**

He **deliberately** misleads others.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym: insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

jail

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

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

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

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

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

deviant

adj. markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected

synonym: abnormal, unconventional, irregular

(1) **deviant** ideas, (2) **deviant** art

His **deviant** behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.

skinny

adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

synonym: slender, lean, thin

(1) **skinny** jeans, (2) **skinny** finger

His mom was always concerned about his **skinny** frame and encouraged him to eat more

dip

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

synonym: dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce

Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym : wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

podcast

n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym : blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

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.

microdose

n. a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances

synonym: small dose, microportion, microhit

(1) **microdose** regimen, (2) **microdose** therapy

His daily **microdose** of cannabis helped him manage his chronic pain.

booster

n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

synonym: promoter, supporter, advocate

(1) metabolism **booster**, (2) morale **booster**

The energy drink is marketed as a **booster** to help athletes perform better.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

childcare

n. a service involving care for other people's children

synonym: babysitting

(1) **childcare** allowance, (2) allow **childcare** leave
Our company offers a full range of **childcare** facilities as part of our benefits package.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym: sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

audit

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

synonym: review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

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.

oxymoron

n. a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

synonym: contradiction in terms, paradox, self-contradiction

(1) **oxymoron** phrase, (2) literary **oxymoron**

"Awfully good" is an **oxymoron** that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other

material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym : brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

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

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

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

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.

acknowledge

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

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym : reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

explosion

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

synonym : burst, eruption, outbreak

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

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

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.

judicious

adj. having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought

synonym : wise, prudent, sensible

(1) **judicious** use of resources, (2) exhibit **judicious** behavior

It's important to make **judicious** decisions when it comes to your finances.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym : helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization
During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

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

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

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym : cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

Session 2: Spelling

1. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
2. metabolism bo_____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
3. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
4. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
5. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
6. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
7. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
8. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
9. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
10. we_____r registration *n.* a seminar or presentation that is conducted virtually over the internet, usually with an interactive component that allows for audience participation

ANSWERS: 1. essential, 2. booster, 3. presence, 4. guarantee, 5. nourishing, 6. rebel, 7. prime, 8. associate, 9. twist, 10. webinar

11. an instrument of to_____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
12. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
13. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
14. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
15. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
16. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
17. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
18. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
19. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
20. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
21. fi_____ne collection *n.* a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal

ANSWERS: 11. torture, 12. appealing, 13. attitude, 14. naturally, 15. spark, 16. individual, 17. educational, 18. slightly, 19. anecdote, 20. framework, 21. figurine

22. an____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
23. during pr_____ol years *adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
24. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
25. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
26. listen to a po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
27. in_____rt personality *n.* a shy and reticent person
28. a tremor of de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
29. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
30. mi_____se therapy *n.* a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances
31. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
32. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 22. anxiety, 23. preschool, 24. carve, 25. uncomfortable, 26. podcast, 27. introvert, 28. delight, 29. stereotype, 30. microdose, 31. normally, 32. straight

33. qu____y for membership *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
34. pr_____ol education *adj.* relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
35. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
36. do a mea_____ss task *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
37. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
38. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
39. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
40. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
41. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
42. sk____y jeans *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
43. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 33. qualify, 34. preschool, 35. separate, 36. meaningless, 37. yell, 38. scan, 39. apologize, 40. distract, 41. psychology, 42. skinny, 43. folk

44. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
45. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
46. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
47. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
48. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
49. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
50. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
51. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
52. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
53. in a di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

ANSWERS: 44. essentially, 45. episode, 46. argument, 47. generate, 48. emotion, 49. couch, 50. quarter, 51. guarantee, 52. blast, 53. diagram

54. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
55. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
56. r__t about the service *v.* to talk or complain in a loud, angry, or intense manner, often for an extended period of time, usually about something that one feels strongly about
57. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
58. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
59. ze_____um mentality *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
60. exhibit ju_____us behavior *adj.* having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought
61. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
62. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

ANSWERS: 54. attract, 55. tip, 56. rant, 57. commitment, 58. blast, 59. zero-sum, 60. judicious, 61. interrupt, 62. eliminate

63. ze____um economics *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
64. technology-or____ed *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
65. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
66. the cu____t of global warming *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
67. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
68. pr____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
69. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
70. 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
71. sing a ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

ANSWERS: 63. zero-sum, 64. oriented, 65. journalism, 66. culprit, 67. obvious, 68. priority, 69. stereotype, 70. landscape, 71. carol

72. va_____te a passport *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
73. de_____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
74. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
75. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
76. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
77. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
78. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
79. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
80. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
81. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
82. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

ANSWERS: 72. validate, 73. define, 74. replace, 75. attitude, 76. reaction, 77. definitely, 78. athlete, 79. blanket, 80. cognitive, 81. boundary, 82. presence

83. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
84. ca____l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
85. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
86. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
87. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
88. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
89. ta____t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
90. 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
91. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
92. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 83. digital, 84. casual, 85. conversation, 86. powerless, 87. twist, 88. commitment, 89. tablet, 90. landscape, 91. rebellion, 92. sneak

93. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
94. Christmas ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
95. demonstrate an up___d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
96. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic
97. 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
98. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
99. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
100. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
101. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
102. 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

ANSWERS: 93. cognitive, 94. carol, 95. upward, 96. prime, 97. perception, 98. exotic, 99. clarify, 100. accurate, 101. explosion, 102. pursue

103. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
104. un___e design	<i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
105. ap_____ze for being late	<i>v.</i> to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
106. the mi_____t in an education system	<i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
107. de_____e respect	<i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
108. a con_____ly innovative enterprise	<i>adv.</i> all the time
109. op_____ne occasion	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
110. morale bo_____r	<i>n.</i> something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
111. pu___e a goal	<i>v.</i> to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
112. a man of imp_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note
113. co_____ve to growth	<i>adj.</i> tending to make something likely or possible
114. seek vo_____ers	<i>n.</i> a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 103. psychology, 104. unique, 105. apologize, 106. mindset, 107. deserve, 108. constantly, 109. opportune, 110. booster, 111. pursue, 112. importance, 113. conducive, 114. volunteer

115. gr_____e with each other *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
116. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
117. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
118. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
119. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
120. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
121. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
122. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
123. permanent ma_____t *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
124. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
125. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
126. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent

ANSWERS: 115. grapple, 116. laundry, 117. replace, 118. anecdote, 119. torture, 120. intellect, 121. consume, 122. regularly, 123. magnet, 124. quitter, 125. boundary, 126. intentional

127. fr_____us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
128. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
129. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
130. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
131. a heavy sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
132. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
133. act as a cl__n *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
134. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
135. fr_____r away my trust *n.* a small amount of something, often food, that has been battered and fried; a waste of time, money, or resources on unimportant or trivial matters; (verb) to spend frivolously and unwisely
136. hy_____ze them against negative minds *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

ANSWERS: 127. frivolous, 128. disgust, 129. pandemic, 130. fake, 131. schedule, 132. diagram, 133. clown, 134. horrible, 135. fritter, 136. hypnotize

137. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
138. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
139. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
140. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
141. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
142. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
143. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
144. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
145. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
146. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
147. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

ANSWERS: 137. slightly, 138. mindset, 139. resilient, 140. intentional, 141. app, 142. dip, 143. consumption, 144. intellect, 145. prioritize, 146. acknowledge, 147. priority

148. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
149. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
150. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
151. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
152. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
153. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
154. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
155. le_____e activity *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
156. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
157. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
158. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 148. zone, 149. fake, 150. quitter, 151. drain, 152. consumption, 153. reserve, 154. sneak, 155. leisure, 156. propose, 157. devote, 158. conversation

159. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
160. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
161. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
162. football po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
163. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
164. in_____rt behavior *n.* a shy and reticent person
165. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
166. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
167. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
168. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
169. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 159. dip, 160. framework, 161. propose, 162. podcast, 163. define, 164. introvert, 165. accurate, 166. zone, 167. stick, 168. confluence, 169. overwhelm

170. take a ca___l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
171. dispel the mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
172. be in j___l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
173. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
174. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
175. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
176. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
177. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
178. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
179. as___e safety *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
180. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
181. a multivitamin ta___t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

ANSWERS: 170. casual, 171. misconception, 172. jail, 173. frank, 174. wrap, 175. drain, 176. incredibly, 177. dramatic, 178. sprinkler, 179. assure, 180. freak, 181. tablet

182. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
183. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
184. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
185. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
186. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
187. nurse a pu___y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
188. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
189. the qui_____nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
190. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
191. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
192. ox_____on phrase *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"

ANSWERS: 182. educational, 183. engage, 184. grapple, 185. consistent, 186. incredibly, 187. puppy, 188. upset, 189. quintessence, 190. devote, 191. folk, 192. oxymoron

193. va_____te a hypothesis *v.* to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved
194. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
195. la_____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
196. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
197. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
198. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
199. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
200. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
201. ju_____us use of resources *adj.* having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought

ANSWERS: 193. validate, 194. stick, 195. laundry, 196. recommend, 197. overwhelm, 198. outcome, 199. prioritize, 200. trap, 201. judicious

202. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
203. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
204. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
205. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
206. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
207. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
208. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
209. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
210. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
211. del_____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

ANSWERS: 202. sprinkler, 203. upward, 204. romantic, 205. yell, 206. encourage, 207. episode, 208. recommend, 209. romantic, 210. engage, 211. deliberately

212. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
213. lig_____ted humor *adj.* carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous
214. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
215. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
216. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
217. au__t the books *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
218. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
219. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
220. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
221. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
222. mi_____se regimen *n.* a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances

ANSWERS: 212. opportune, 213. lighthearted, 214. spark, 215. distract, 216. puppy, 217. audit, 218. definitely, 219. misconception, 220. naturally, 221. freak, 222. microdose

223. co_____ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
224. hy_____ze a subject *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
225. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
226. in_____a resistance *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
227. a un____e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
228. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
229. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
230. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
231. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
232. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
233. commit a crime del_____ely *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

ANSWERS: 223. conducive, 224. hypnotize, 225. struggle, 226. inertia, 227. unique, 228. horizon, 229. jail, 230. horizon, 231. legitimate, 232. athlete, 233. deliberately

234. ex___c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
235. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
236. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
237. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
238. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
239. literary ox_____on *n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
240. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
241. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
242. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
243. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
244. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 234. exotic, 235. evolutionary, 236. identify, 237. obvious, 238. acknowledge, 239. oxymoron, 240. brain, 241. associate, 242. emotion, 243. separate, 244. consistent

245. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
246. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
247. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
248. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
249. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
250. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
251. become co_____nt *adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
252. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
253. the arrest of the cu_____t *n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing
254. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
255. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

ANSWERS: 245. digital, 246. individual, 247. outcome, 248. rebel, 249. uncomfortable, 250. anxiety, 251. cognizant, 252. argument, 253. culprit, 254. essential, 255. Don

256. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
257. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
258. allow ch_____re leave *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
259. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
260. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
261. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
262. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
263. a mea_____ss endeavor *adj.* having no meaning, direction, or purpose
264. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
265. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
266. a person of le_____e *n.* the freedom provided by the absence of pressures or responsibilities
267. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
268. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 256. volunteer, 257. horrible, 258. childcare, 259. constantly, 260. involve, 261. legitimate, 262. delight, 263. meaningless, 264. balance, 265. wrap, 266. leisure, 267. balance, 268. deserve

269. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
270. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
271. a cl__n act *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
272. use an ac____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
273. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
274. use of nu____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
275. Newton's law of in____a *n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act
276. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
277. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 269. junk, 270. scan, 271. clown, 272. acronym, 273. quarter, 274. nuclear, 275. inertia, 276. nuclear, 277. trap

278. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
279. work pe____t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
280. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
281. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
282. attend a we____r *n.* a seminar or presentation that is conducted virtually over the internet, usually with an interactive component that allows for audience participation
283. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
284. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
285. lig____ted banter *adj.* carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous
286. nou____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

ANSWERS: 278. importance, 279. permit, 280. carve, 281. tune, 282. webinar, 283. encourage, 284. tune, 285. lighthearted, 286. nourishing

287. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
288. bl_____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
289. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
290. engage in fr_____us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
291. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
292. pe____t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
293. sk____y finger *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
294. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
295. natural ex_____rt *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
296. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 287. explosion, 288. blanket, 289. struggle, 290. frivolous, 291. generate, 292. permit, 293. skinny, 294. couch, 295. extrovert, 296. app

297. ex_____rt social skills *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
298. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
299. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
300. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
301. ac_____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
302. cultural n___m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
303. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
304. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
305. co_____nt of the risk *adj.* aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something
306. ma___t attraction *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
307. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
308. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

ANSWERS: 297. extrovert, 298. definition, 299. interrupt, 300. quintessence, 301. acronym, 302. norm, 303. straight, 304. necessarily, 305. cognizant, 306. magnet, 307. definition, 308. clarify

309. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
310. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
311. au__t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
312. anime fi_____ne *n.* a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal
313. de_____t art *adj.* markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected
314. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
315. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
316. 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
317. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
318. r__t online *v.* to talk or complain in a loud, angry, or intense manner, often for an extended period of time, usually about something that one feels strongly about

ANSWERS: 309. reaction, 310. resilient, 311. audit, 312. figurine, 313. deviant, 314. toss, 315. powerless, 316. perception, 317. normally, 318. rant

319. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
320. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
321. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
322. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
323. j__k mail *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
324. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
325. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
326. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
327. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
328. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
329. excite re_____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
330. qu_____y as a candidate *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

ANSWERS: 319. involve, 320. trait, 321. disgust, 322. frank, 323. junk, 324. toss, 325. reserve, 326. trait, 327. climate, 328. essentially, 329. rebellion, 330. qualify

331. de_____t ideas *adj.* markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected
332. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
333. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
334. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
335. or_____ed graph *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
336. a fr_____r recipe *n.* a small amount of something, often food, that has been battered and fried; a waste of time, money, or resources on unimportant or trivial matters; (verb) to spend frivolously and unwisely
337. ch_____re allowance *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
338. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
339. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
340. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
341. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 331. deviant, 332. consume, 333. pandemic, 334. norm, 335. oriented, 336. fritter, 337. childcare, 338. necessarily, 339. attract, 340. eliminate, 341. tip

342. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
343. as___e quality *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
344. arrange my sc____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
345. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
346. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
347. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
348. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
349. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
350. D_n Giovanni *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
351. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

ANSWERS: 342. brain, 343. assure, 344. schedule, 345. identify, 346. journalism, 347. upset, 348. confluence, 349. regularly, 350. Don, 351. dramatic

352. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
353. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
354. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

ANSWERS: 352. climate, 353. evolutionary, 354. appealing

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Push the button and let the water _____ away.
v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

2. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

3. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

4. 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

5. I love the sound of _____ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.
n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

6. 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

7. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

8. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 1. drain, 2. slightly, 3. quitter, 4. quarter, 5. carols, 6. pursue, 7. anecdotes, 8. couch

9. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
10. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
11. The energy drink is marketed as a _____ to help athletes perform better.
n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
12. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
13. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
14. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
15. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.
n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
16. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
17. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 9. upward, 10. Climate, 11. booster, 12. essential, 13. deserved, 14. interrupted, 15. presence, 16. definition, 17. frank

18. She waited for her daughter with _____.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
19. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
20. The MRI machine uses _____ to produce images of the body's internal organs.
- n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
21. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
22. 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
23. She had the _____ that work was fun.
- n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
24. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
25. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
- adv.* all the time
26. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.
- v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

ANSWERS: 18. anxiety, 19. identify, 20. magnets, 21. distract, 22. individual, 23. attitude, 24. yelled, 25. constantly, 26. clarify

27. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

28. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

29. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

30. I like to spend my _____ time playing sports or reading on weekends.

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

31. Please ___ up a bucketful of water from the well.

- v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

32. He was awfully _____ by the news.

- adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

33. 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

34. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

- n.* the perfect example of a quality or class

ANSWERS: 27. struggle, 28. stereotypes, 29. emotions, 30. leisure, 31. dip, 32. upset, 33. permit, 34. quintessence

35. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
36. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.
adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
37. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
adv. at regular intervals or times
38. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding
39. His _____ behavior made others uncomfortable, and they avoided him at all costs.
adj. markedly different or departing from what is normal or expected
40. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.
n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
41. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

ANSWERS: 35. consumption, 36. exotic, 37. regularly, 38. cognitive, 39. deviant, 40. athlete, 41. opportune, 42. sprinkler

43. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
44. Being an _____ is not a weakness, and it's just a different way of interacting with the world.
n. a shy and reticent person
45. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.
n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
46. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
47. We _____ taking media training every six months.
v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
48. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
49. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
50. It's important to make _____ decisions when it comes to your finances.
adj. having or exhibiting sound judgment; wise or prudent in decision-making; characterized by careful consideration or thought

ANSWERS: 43. outcome, 44. introvert, 45. journalism, 46. episode, 47. recommend, 48. tips, 49. eliminate, 50. judicious

51. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

52. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

53. He never _____ his fault.

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

54. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

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

55. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.

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

56. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

- adj.* correct and exact in all details

57. I listened to my boss _____ about the company's latest project for an hour.

- v.* to talk or complain in a loud, angry, or intense manner, often for an extended period of time, usually about something that one feels strongly about

58. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

- n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 51. conversation, 52. faked, 53. acknowledged, 54. jail, 55. explosion, 56. accurate, 57. rant, 58. rebellion

59. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

- v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

60. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

61. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

- n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

62. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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

63. The company is very customer-_____ and strives to provide excellent service.

- adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

64. He _____ misleads others.

- adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

65. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

66. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 59. reserve, 60. overwhelm, 61. tablet, 62. propose, 63. oriented, 64. deliberately, 65. pandemic, 66. attract

67. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
68. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
69. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
70. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
71. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
72. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
73. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
74. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
75. 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

ANSWERS: 67. sneak, 68. carved, 69. freak, 70. horrible, 71. tossed, 72. legitimate, 73. importance, 74. mindset, 75. perception

76. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

77. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

78. There are numerous _____ about food and health.

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

79. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

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

80. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

81. Her _____ is to be a mother.

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

82. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

83. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

84. Our company offers a full range of _____ facilities as part of our benefits package.

n. a service involving care for other people's children

ANSWERS: 76. disgust, 77. blast, 78. misconceptions, 79. associate, 80. dramatic, 81. priority, 82. necessarily, 83. Essentially, 84. childcare

85. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
86. My mother always made sure she had a _____ breakfast before school.
adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
87. Our _____ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.
n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
88. The local sorcerer insists that he can _____ him into a deep trance.
v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
89. The enemy fell right into the _____.
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
90. My friend gifted me a miniature _____ of my favorite comic book character.
n. a small ornamental figure, typically made of clay, porcelain, or plastic and often depicting a person or animal
91. My old school's _____ program was well-regarded and had an excellent reputation.
adj. relating to or denoting the period before a child begins primary school; (noun) the activities or education provided during this time
92. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 85. Wrap, 86. nourishing, 87. podcast, 88. hypnotize, 89. trap, 90. figurine, 91. preschool, 92. digital

93. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

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

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

95. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

96. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

97. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

98. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

99. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

100. This experiment's results are _____ because the other conditions are not identical.

adj. having no meaning, direction, or purpose

ANSWERS: 93. nuclear, 94. involves, 95. educational, 96. tune, 97. incredibly, 98. volunteer, 99. romantic, 100. meaningless

101. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
102. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
103. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.
- n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
104. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.
- adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
105. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.
- n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
106. He could never go against what ____ Carlos said.
- n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
107. "Awfully good" is an _____ that can be used to describe something that's both bad and good simultaneously.
- n.* a figure of speech that combines contradictory terms, such as "jumbo shrimp" or "deafening silence"
108. She intentionally acts like an _____.
- n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

ANSWERS: 101. horizon, 102. norms, 103. diagram, 104. frivolous, 105. confluence, 106. Don, 107. oxymoron, 108. extrovert

109. The top three teams in this tournament _____ for the Olympics.
- v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
110. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
- v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
111. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
112. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
113. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.
- n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
114. Our company will be _____ by an accountant next week.
- n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
115. In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a _____ game, with only one player able to win each match.
- adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

ANSWERS: 109. qualify, 110. generate, 111. encouraged, 112. intellect, 113. acronym, 114. audited, 115. zero-sum

116. I learned a lot from the _____ on digital marketing.

- n.* a seminar or presentation that is conducted virtually over the internet, usually with an interactive component that allows for audience participation

117. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.

- v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

118. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

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

119. The couple shared a _____ moment at the amusement park, reminiscing about their childhoods.

- adj.* carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous

120. His mom was always concerned about his _____ frame and encouraged him to eat more

- adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

121. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

122. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

- n.* a particular feature of your nature

123. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

- v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape

ANSWERS: 116. webinar, 117. sparked, 118. guarantee, 119. lighthearted, 120. skinny, 121. consume, 122. traits, 123. twisted

124. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

125. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

126. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

127. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

128. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

129. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

130. To _____ your purchase, please visit the following link.

v. to check or prove that something is true; to make something officially or legally acceptable or approved

131. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

ANSWERS: 124. brain, 125. appealing, 126. Evolutionary, 127. delight, 128. app's, 129. replace, 130. validate, 131. intentional

132. The restaurant served tasty _____ as an appetizer.

n. a small amount of something, often food, that has been battered and fried; a waste of time, money, or resources on unimportant or trivial matters; (verb) to spend frivolously and unwisely

133. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

134. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

135. The quiet and peaceful environment was _____ to concentration and productivity.

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

136. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

137. I have to be _____ of my budget when I go on vacation.

adj. aware of or knowledgeable about something; having consciousness or recognition of something

138. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

139. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

ANSWERS: 132. fritters, 133. engaged, 134. consistent, 135. conducive, 136. unique, 137. cognizant, 138. uncomfortable, 139. powerless

140. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

141. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

142. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

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

143. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

144. She dressed up as a Halloween _____ with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

n. a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

145. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

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

146. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

147. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.

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

ANSWERS: 140. torture, 141. define, 142. reaction, 143. naturally, 144. clown, 145. scanned, 146. boundary, 147. puppy

148. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

adj. main or most important; basic

149. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

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

150. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

151. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

152. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

153. 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

154. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

155. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 148. prime, 149. folk, 150. devoted, 151. framework, 152. grapple, 153. separate, 154. straight, 155. normally

156. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.

- n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

157. She had a master's degree in _____.

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

158. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

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

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

160. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

- n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

161. 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

162. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

163. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.

- n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

ANSWERS: 156. blanket, 157. psychology, 158. prioritized, 159. balance, 160. junk, 161. zone, 162. definitely, 163. laundry

164. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.

- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

165. 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

166. I want to _____ you that you have my full support.

- v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

167. They finally found the _____ of the bug after a long time.

- n.* someone who is responsible for a crime or wrongdoing

168. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

169. The object's _____ kept it moving in a straight line until acted upon by an outside force.

- n.* the quality or state of being inactive, sluggish, or slow to move or act

170. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

171. His business _____ took him to the United States.

- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 164. schedule, 165. landscape, 166. assure, 167. culprit, 168. argument, 169. inertia, 170. resilient, 171. commitments

172. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

173. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

174. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

175. I _____ for neglecting your email.

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

176. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

177. His daily _____ of cannabis helped him manage his chronic pain.

n. a very small amount of a drug or other substance that is believed to have beneficial effects, particularly about psychoactive substances

ANSWERS: 172. casual, 173. obvious, 174. rebels, 175. apologize, 176. stick, 177. microdose