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Session 1: Word List

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

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**.

frugal *adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
synonym : economical, thrifty, sparing
(1) live a **frugal** lifestyle, (2) a **frugal** meal
My grandparents were always **frugal** with their money, even when they had plenty of it.

videotape *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
synonym : videocassette, tape, recording
(1) **videotape** evidence, (2) rewind **videotape**
We watched a **videotape** of our family vacation from years ago.

vent *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
synonym : duct, outlet, venthole
(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube
He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

attempt *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
synonym : endeavor, effort, try
(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**
The third **attempt** was far more successful.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

mystique

n. an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

synonym : aura, charm, enchantment

(1) **mystique** surrounding, (2) celebrity **mystique**

The actress had a **mystique** about her that drew people to her.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

touchstone

n. a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it

synonym : benchmark, standard, criterion

(1) artistic **touchstone**, (2) the **touchstone** of truth

The **touchstone** for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym : fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym: seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

levee

n. an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding

synonym: dike, embankment, floodwall

(1) **levee** protection, (2) **levee** breach

The concrete **levee** protects from the rising river during floods.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

slow-motion

n. an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down

synonym: turtle's pace, slow-mo

(1) **slow-motion** movie, (2) frame-by-frame **slow-motion**

Baseball umpires often overturn decisions with **slow-motion** replay.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

synonym: cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

downtown

adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

synonym : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

decline

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

synonym : descend, drop, deny

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

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

lockdown

n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

(1) go on **lockdown**, (2) **lockdown** area

The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide **lockdown** measure.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European

countries.

emerge

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

synonym: arise, occur, appear

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

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

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

destroy

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

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

predict

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

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document
Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

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.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym : community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

determination

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

synonym : resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the

face of adversity.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

rebuild

v. to build again or anew
synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

barber

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

synonym: hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym: film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof
He won an award for that short **documentary**.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

bypass

n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed;
(verb) to go past or round

(1) gastric **bypass** operation, (2) **bypass** circuit

This patient must undergo **bypass** surgery.

interstate

adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

synonym: cross-state, between states

(1) **interstate** disputes, (2) **interstate** travel

The **interstate** highway connects the major cities of the state.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

lane

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

synonym : roadway, street, artery

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

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

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym : prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

faucet

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

synonym : tap, spigot, valve

(1) a water **faucet**, (2) **faucet** handle

I turned on the **faucet** to wash my hands.

obsolete

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

synonym : ancient, bygone, outdated

(1) an **obsolete** word, (2) become **obsolete**

New technology has rendered my old smartphone **obsolete**.

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym : crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

embrace

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

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

heritage

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

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

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

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

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym: clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

highway

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

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

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

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

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym: guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet
Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

souvenir

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

synonym: memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

fridge

n. a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

synonym: refrigerator

(1) **fridge** magnet, (2) fill the **fridge**

She left the **fridge** door open inadvertently.

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.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

pose

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

synonym: present, put, position

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

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

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

life-sized

adj. being of the same size as the person or thing represented

synonym: equivalent, same, equal

(1) a **life-sized** model, (2) **life-sized** wooden sculptures

This museum has a **life-sized** model of a mammoth.

cutout

n. a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

synonym: silhouette, shape, form

(1) **cutout** from magazines, (2) **cutout** of flowers

The artist used a star **cutout** to make a unique art piece.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

firsthand

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

synonym: direct

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

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

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

revitalization

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

synonym: renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

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

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

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym: hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

infuse

v. to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

synonym: instill, fill, permeate

(1) **infuse** with spirit, (2) **infuse** life with meaning

She **infused** fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

grit

n. very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

synonym: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

sandstone

n. a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments

synonym : arenite

(1) lithic **sandstone**, (2) **sandstone** building

The **sandstone** cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.

quarry

n. a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting

synonym : stone pit, prey, target

(1) **quarry** operation, (2) **quarry** site

The hunter tracked down his **quarry** in the woods.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym : railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym : board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for

automotive technicians.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

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

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.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
synonym: money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

distribute

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

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

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

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

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

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.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

resident

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

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

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

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

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym: incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign
The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

phrase

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

synonym: expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym: relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

narrative

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

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

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

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

buffalo

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

synonym: bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak

The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

streak

n. a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent

pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual

synonym : strip, band, dash

(1) **streak** of luck, (2) gold **streak**

He had a **streak** of stubbornness that made him difficult to work with.

canal

n. a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation

synonym : aqueduct, trench, channel

(1) an ear **canal**, (2) an irrigation **canal**

Our container ship went through the Panama **Canal**.

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.

indispensable

adj. so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary

synonym : critical, essential, integral

(1) an **indispensable** duty, (2) foods **indispensable** to good nutrition

She is **indispensable** to our team.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

exodus

n. a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

synonym : emigration, evacuation, departure

(1) mass **exodus**, (2) the Oriental **exodus** from America
The rural **exodus** may cause long-term population loss.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking
Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
synonym: snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**
The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

punchline

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
synonym: joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**
The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket
He **punched** the wall in anger.

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.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym: adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

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.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

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.

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym: redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

squander

v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

synonym: waste, fritter away, dissipate

(1) **squander** money, (2) **squander** a chance

He **squandered** his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym: harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

exquisite

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

synonym : magnificent, glorious, gorgeous

(1) **exquisite** crafts, (2) a man of **exquisite** sensitivity

We can hear an **exquisite** piano melody from his room.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

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

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

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym : ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

arc

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

synonym : turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym: affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

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.

rekindle

v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling

synonym: revitalize, reignite, revive

(1) **rekindle** love, (2) **rekindle** hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre-**modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym: bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

hush

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

synonym: clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case

Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

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.

chronicle

n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

synonym: record, history, annals

(1) **chronicle** of the war, (2) heroic **chronicle**

The **chronicle** of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.

preserve

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

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

mural

adj. a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

synonym: wall painting, fresco, wall art

(1) **mural** painting, (2) a **mural** decoration

The **mural** on the wall depicted the history of the city.

memorabilia

n. objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value

synonym: keepsake, memento, relic

(1) **memorabilia** collection, (2) movie **memorabilia**

The museum had an impressive collection of sports **memorabilia** from famous athletes.

decorate

v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

synonym: adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

bumper

n. a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way

synonym: buffer, guard, fender

(1) **bumper** crop, (2) **bumper** sale

The **bumper** of my car was dented in the accident.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cu____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
2. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
3. go on lo____wn *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
4. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
5. a ri____l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
6. sa____ne building *n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments
7. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
8. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
9. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

ANSWERS: 1. currency, 2. arc, 3. lockdown, 4. loose, 5. ritual, 6. sandstone, 7. preserve, 8. decide, 9. heritage

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| 10. hi_____y system | <i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities |
| 11. te_____ry housing | <i>adj.</i> not lasting or be used for a very long |
| 12. re_____nt population | <i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions |
| 13. tr_____te a document into English | <i>v.</i> to convert or change words into another language |
| 14. a reckless at_____t | <i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult |
| 15. d_m-building program | <i>n.</i> a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy |
| 16. re_____ve factors | <i>adj.</i> considered and evaluated through comparison with something else |
| 17. draw out your ap_____l | <i>n.</i> a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest |
| 18. chemical ad_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers |
| 19. em_____e as a butterfly | <i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible |
| 20. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 21. roast marshmallows around the ca_____re | <i>n.</i> an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire |

ANSWERS: 10. highway, 11. temporary, 12. resilient, 13. translate, 14. attempt, 15. dam, 16. relative, 17. appeal, 18. addition, 19. emerge, 20. empower, 21. campfire

22. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
23. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
24. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
25. ba____r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
26. int_____te travel *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
27. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
28. sq_____er money *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
29. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
30. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
31. favorite ba____r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

ANSWERS: 22. bet, 23. documentary, 24. district, 25. barber, 26. interstate, 27. spark, 28. squander, 29. strength, 30. temporary, 31. barber

32. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
33. vi_____pe evidence *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
34. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
35. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
36. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
37. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
38. h__h for a while *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
39. heavy bl_____rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
40. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
41. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 32. constant, 33. videotape, 34. relative, 35. conversation, 36. arc, 37. medium, 38. hush, 39. blizzard, 40. vent, 41. conversation

42. mass ex___s *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
43. fr___e magnet *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
44. sh___e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
45. re____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
46. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
47. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
48. an___l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
49. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
50. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
51. de___e of bureaucracy *n.* death or the end of something
52. interstate co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
53. re____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 42. exodus, 43. fridge, 44. shave, 45. recount, 46. crisis, 47. occasionally, 48. angel, 49. severe, 50. destroy, 51. demise, 52. commerce, 53. resident

54. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
55. become ob_____te *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
56. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
57. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
58. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
59. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
60. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
61. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
62. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
63. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 54. embark, 55. obsolete, 56. addition, 57. mass, 58. inspire, 59. earthquake, 60. rev, 61. modern, 62. survive, 63. commerce

64. h__h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
65. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
66. fr_____y exit *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
67. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
68. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
69. fa___t handle *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
70. have no pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
71. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
72. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 64. hush, 65. devastation, 66. freeway, 67. destine, 68. highway, 69. faucet, 70. punchline, 71. eventually, 72. eventually

73. tissue te_____es *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
74. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
75. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
76. re_____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
77. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
78. co____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
79. cu____t from magazines *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing
80. det_____ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
81. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
82. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

ANSWERS: 73. textile, 74. generation, 75. complexity, 76. reframe, 77. hometown, 78. commit, 79. cutout, 80. determination, 81. confidence, 82. reframe

83. do_____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
84. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
85. an ear ca__l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
86. fli_____ng hope *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
87. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
88. by____s circuit *n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
89. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
90. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
91. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
92. lo_____wn area *n.* an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19

ANSWERS: 83. downtown, 84. pioneer, 85. canal, 86. flickering, 87. icon, 88. bypass, 89. disappear, 90. percentage, 91. recount, 92. lockdown

93. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
94. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
95. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
96. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
97. the tou_____ne of truth *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
98. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
99. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
100. my_____ue surrounding *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
101. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 93. depression, 94. modern, 95. heritage, 96. generation, 97. touchstone, 98. ruin, 99. pride, 100. mystique, 101. disappear

102. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
103. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
104. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
105. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
106. political co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
107. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
108. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
109. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
110. the Oriental ex____s from America *n.* a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time
111. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
112. de____t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
113. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 102. occasionally, 103. communal, 104. ancestor, 105. straight, 106. comeback, 107. loose, 108. doom, 109. pose, 110. exodus, 111. spark, 112. defeat, 113. attempt

114. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
115. city so_____ir *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
116. economic st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
117. 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
118. heroic ch_____le *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
119. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
120. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
121. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
122. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
123. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
124. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
125. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 114. narrative, 115. souvenir, 116. stimulus, 117. trap, 118. chronicle, 119. firsthand, 120. empower, 121. clue, 122. rebuild, 123. visual, 124. encouraging, 125. decide

126. a short va____on
n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
127. an ob____te word
adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
128. cy____l remarks
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
129. gold st____k
n. a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
130. de____t a global power
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
131. a fr____l meal
adj. characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
132. mo____h into a different shape
v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
133. fallen an____l
n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
134. ov____me all difficulties
v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 126. vacation, 127. obsolete, 128. cynical, 129. streak, 130. defeat, 131. frugal, 132. morph, 133. angel, 134. overcome

135. an irrigation ca__l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
136. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
137. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
138. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
139. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
140. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
141. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
142. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
143. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
144. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

ANSWERS: 135. canal, 136. ritual, 137. commit, 138. dam, 139. phrase, 140. ruin, 141. severe, 142. rev, 143. roughly, 144. shield

145. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
146. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
147. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
148. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
149. sp___l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
150. bu___r sale *n.* a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way
151. in___e life with meaning *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
152. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
153. 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
154. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 145. strike, 146. revitalization, 147. rediscover, 148. pandemic, 149. sprawl, 150. bumper, 151. infuse, 152. setback, 153. stick, 154. survive

155. re_____le hope *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
156. gastric by____s operation *n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
157. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
158. coast-to-coast ra_____ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
159. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
160. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
161. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
162. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
163. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 155. rekindle, 156. bypass, 157. stretch, 158. railroad, 159. narrator, 160. grit, 161. construct, 162. steel, 163. disaster

164. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
165. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
166. career co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
167. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
168. permanent ma_____t *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
169. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
170. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
171. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
172. a man of ex_____te sensitivity *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
173. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
174. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
175. lithic sa_____ne *n.* a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments
176. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
177. live a fr___l lifestyle *adj.* characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury

ANSWERS: 164. replace, 165. participate, 166. comeback, 167. psychology, 168. magnet, 169. filmmaker, 170. narrator, 171. urban, 172. exquisite, 173. firsthand, 174. grand, 175. sandstone, 176. cynical, 177. frugal

178. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
179. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
180. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
181. be_____d author *adj.* loved very much
182. an ind_____ble duty *adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
183. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
184. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
185. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
186. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
187. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
188. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
189. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
190. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 178. emotional, 179. currency, 180. relief, 181. beloved, 182. indispensable, 183. doom, 184. filmmaker, 185. replace, 186. historic, 187. devastation, 188. feat, 189. construct, 190. classic

191. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
192. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
193. fall into a r___e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
194. expanded fr_____y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
195. slo_____on movie *n.* an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down
196. frame-by-frame slo_____on *n.* an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down
197. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
198. political ap___y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
199. a response to a st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
200. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
201. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

ANSWERS: 191. suburb, 192. embrace, 193. rage, 194. freeway, 195. slow-motion, 196. slow-motion, 197. embark, 198. apathy, 199. stimulus, 200. navigate, 201. depression

202. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
203. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
204. artistic tou_____ne *n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
205. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
206. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
207. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
208. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
209. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 202. inspire, 203. insidious, 204. touchstone, 205. suburb, 206. appeal, 207. shield, 208. doe, 209. imaginary

210. 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
211. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
212. celebrity my_____ue *n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction
213. bu___r crop *n.* a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way
214. ch_____le of the war *n.* a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation
215. fill the fr___e *n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh
216. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
217. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
218. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 210. stick, 211. historic, 212. mystique, 213. bumper, 214. chronicle, 215. fridge, 216. narrative, 217. distribute, 218. bet

219. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
220. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something
221. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
222. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
223. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
224. a warm em____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
225. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
226. suffer a se____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
227. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
228. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
229. a mu__l decoration *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

ANSWERS: 219. predict, 220. demise, 221. roughly, 222. rage, 223. devise, 224. embrace, 225. blame, 226. setback, 227. stretch, 228. mass, 229. mural

230. mem_____ia collection *n.* objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value
231. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
232. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
233. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
234. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
235. sigh of re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
236. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
237. ex_____te crafts *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
238. a lif_____ed model *adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented
239. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
240. gro_____ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

ANSWERS: 230. memorabilia, 231. urban, 232. hometown, 233. rediscover, 234. vent, 235. relief, 236. myth, 237. exquisite, 238. life-sized, 239. capture, 240. groundbreaking

241. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
242. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
243. gro_____ing settlement *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
244. ma___t attraction *n.* an object or substance that can attract certain materials, such as iron or steel
245. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
246. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
247. 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
248. lif_____ed wooden sculptures *adj.* being of the same size as the person or thing represented
249. rewind vi_____pe *n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
250. te_____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
251. cu___t of flowers *n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

ANSWERS: 241. shave, 242. emotional, 243. groundbreaking, 244. magnet, 245. blame, 246. strike, 247. podcast, 248. life-sized, 249. videotape, 250. textile, 251. cutout

252. re____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
253. de____te a wall *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
254. fo_____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
255. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
256. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
257. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
258. ra____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
259. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
260. boost my con____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
261. other co____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
262. su____n a lawyer *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

ANSWERS: 252. rebuild, 253. decorate, 254. forbidden, 255. identity, 256. decline, 257. punch, 258. railroad, 259. steel, 260. confidence, 261. council, 262. summon

263. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
264. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
265. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
266. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
267. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
268. 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
269. bu_____o horn *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
270. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
271. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
272. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
273. movie mem_____ia *n.* objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value

ANSWERS: 263. feat, 264. folk, 265. encouraging, 266. strength, 267. pride, 268. trap, 269. buffalo, 270. unique, 271. earthquake, 272. participate, 273. memorabilia

274. a water fa___t *n.* a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe
275. foods ind_____ble to good nutrition *adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
276. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
277. qu___y site *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
278. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
279. a gr___d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
280. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
281. sw___p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
282. mu___l painting *adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface
283. le___e protection *n.* an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding
284. de_____te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

ANSWERS: 274. faucet, 275. indispensable, 276. resilient, 277. quarry, 278. pioneer, 279. grand, 280. communal, 281. sweep, 282. mural, 283. levee, 284. decorate

285. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
286. so_____ir shop *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
287. bl_____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
288. a un_____e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
289. sp_____l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
290. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
291. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
292. em_____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
293. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
294. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
295. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 285. distribute, 286. souvenir, 287. blizzard, 288. unique, 289. sprawl, 290. psychology, 291. constant, 292. emerge, 293. doe, 294. insidious, 295. overcome

296. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
297. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
298. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
299. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
300. in___e with spirit *v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue
301. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
302. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
303. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
304. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
305. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

ANSWERS: 296. destroy, 297. hunch, 298. documentary, 299. campfire, 300. infuse, 301. resident, 302. percentage, 303. civic, 304. complexity, 305. morph

306. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
307. re____le love *v.* to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
308. tr____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
309. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
310. an advertising me____m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
311. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
312. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
313. 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
314. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
315. le__e breach *n.* an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding

ANSWERS: 306. punch, 307. rekindle, 308. translate, 309. classic, 310. medium, 311. pose, 312. sweep, 313. podcast, 314. lane, 315. levee

316. pr____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
317. summer va____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
318. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
319. na____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
320. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
321. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
322. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
323. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
324. ob____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
325. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
326. school di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 316. preserve, 317. vacation, 318. capture, 319. navigate, 320. clue, 321. straight, 322. apathy, 323. phrase, 324. obstacle, 325. visual, 326. district

327. su___n a city council
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
328. int_____te disputes
adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
329. city co_____l election
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
330. first l___e
n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
331. the m__h of an old religion
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
332. be_____d by many people
adj. loved very much
333. global di_____er
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
334. hu__h up the shoulders
v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
335. do_____wn building
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city

ANSWERS: 327. summon, 328. interstate, 329. council, 330. lane, 331. myth, 332. beloved, 333. disaster, 334. hunch, 335. downtown

336. fo_____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
337. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
338. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
339. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
340. st____k of luck *n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual
341. bu_____o steak *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
342. sq_____er a chance *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
343. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
344. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
345. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 336. forbidden, 337. crisis, 338. pandemic, 339. predict, 340. streak, 341. buffalo, 342. squander, 343. identity, 344. obstacle, 345. imaginary

346. de____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
347. de____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
348. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
349. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
350. the final pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
351. fli_____ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
352. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
353. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
354. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 346. destine, 347. decline, 348. grit, 349. folk, 350. punchline, 351. flickering, 352. civic, 353. devise, 354. icon

355. qu___y operation *n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
356. a steely det_____ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
357. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
358. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 355. quarry, 356. determination, 357. revitalization, 358. ancestor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
2. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
3. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
4. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.
adv. in or towards the central area of a town or city
5. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
6. 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
7. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
8. The _____ of the kingdom's history was passed down through generations of royalty.
n. a historical account of events arranged in order of time, typically without analysis or interpretation

ANSWERS: 1. empowered, 2. filmmaker, 3. council, 4. downtown, 5. campfire, 6. sparked, 7. encouraging, 8. chronicle

9. 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
10. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
11. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
12. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
13. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
14. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
15. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
- n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
16. _____ the text from Italian into English.
- v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 9. podcast, 10. steel, 11. distributed, 12. navigate, 13. relatives, 14. strength, 15. grit, 16. Translate

17. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
18. They _____ events that have already occurred.
v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story
19. The country's prime minister has decided to implement a nationwide _____ measure.
n. an emergency policy for people, communities, or a country to stay where they are, usually due to specific risks, such as COVID-19
20. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
21. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
22. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
23. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
24. He gave _____ to his anger by playing the guitar.
n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
25. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 17. Communal, 18. recount, 19. lockdown, 20. urban, 21. disappear, 22. pose, 23. devastation, 24. vent, 25. ancestor

26. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
27. We can hear an _____ piano melody from his room.
adj. extremely beautiful and delicate
28. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
29. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
30. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
31. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
32. They _____ the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.
v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
33. We _____ on a new project.
v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 26. generation, 27. exquisite, 28. decide, 29. addition, 30. conversation, 31. devise, 32. decorated, 33. embarked

34. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

35. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

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

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

37. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

38. I am here to save my _____.

adj. loved very much

39. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

40. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

41. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

42. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 34. grand, 35. reframe, 36. pandemic, 37. classic, 38. beloved, 39. hunch, 40. committed, 41. attempt, 42. feat

43. New technology has rendered my old smartphone _____.
- adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
44. The hunter tracked down his _____ in the woods.
- n.* a place where a stone or other materials are extracted from the ground; an animal or a person that is the target of hunting
45. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
46. Please _____ your voice so that the baby can sleep.
- v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
47. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
48. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
49. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
50. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
- n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
51. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 43. obsolete, 44. quarry, 45. survive, 46. hush, 47. folk, 48. strike, 49. defeat, 50. obstacle, 51. severe

52. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

- n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

53. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

54. His _____ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

- n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

55. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

56. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

57. The _____ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

- n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

58. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

59. The actress had a _____ about her that drew people to her.

- n.* an air of secrecy, intrigue, or mystery surrounding something or someone; a sense of fascination or aura of inexplicable attraction

ANSWERS: 52. relief, 53. imaginary, 54. determination, 55. eventually, 56. disaster, 57. barber, 58. confidence, 59. mystique

60. 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

61. A ball flew in a big _____.

- n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

62. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

63. He had a _____ of stubbornness that made him difficult to work with.

- n.* a long, narrow mark or band, typically one of a different color or texture from the surrounding surface; a brief period or run of success, luck, or behavior; a consistent pattern of behavior or a distinguishing characteristic of an individual

64. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

- adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

65. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

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

66. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

67. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 60. trap, 61. arc, 62. sweep, 63. streak, 64. cynical, 65. commerce, 66. capture, 67. district

68. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
69. My grandparents were always _____ with their money, even when they had plenty of it.
adj. characterized by being sparing or economical about money or resources; avoiding waste or luxury
70. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.
n. the process of giving new life or energy to something
71. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
72. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
73. I ____ that you know it.
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
74. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
75. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.
adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 68. inspired, 69. frugal, 70. revitalization, 71. Depression, 72. suburbs, 73. bet, 74. angel, 75. insidious

76. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

77. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

78. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

79. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

80. He _____ the wall in anger.

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

81. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

82. Our container ship went through the Panama _____.

n. a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation

83. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

ANSWERS: 76. straight, 77. rage, 78. narrator, 79. doom, 80. punched, 81. blamed, 82. Canal, 83. blizzard

84. The _____ for our company's success has always been our commitment to customer satisfaction.
- n.* a standard or criterion by which something is judged or evaluated; a fine-grained dark stone, such as jasper or basalt, used to test the purity of gold or silver in alloys by observing how much the color changes when rubbed against it
85. He has produced _____ research on the subject.
- adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
86. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
- n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
87. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development
- adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
88. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
- v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
89. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
90. We watched a _____ of our family vacation from years ago.
- n.* a type of magnetic tape used for recording and storing video images and sound; a recording made on such tape
91. This patient must undergo _____ surgery.
- n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round

ANSWERS: 84. touchstone, 85. groundbreaking, 86. apathy, 87. civic, 88. shave, 89. complexity, 90. videotape, 91. bypass

92. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

93. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

94. He _____ his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

95. I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower _____ when I visited Paris.

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

96. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

97. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

98. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

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

99. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

100. He won an award for that short _____.

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

ANSWERS: 92. phrase, 93. loose, 94. squandered, 95. souvenir, 96. forbidden, 97. clue, 98. firsthand, 99. sprawls, 100. documentary

101. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

102. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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

103. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

104. Do you have a plan for a long _____

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

105. I turned on the _____ to wash my hands.

n. a device for controlling the flow of liquid from a pipe

106. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

107. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

108. The _____ cliffs along the coast are a natural wonder.

n. a type of rock composed mainly of sand-sized grains of mineral or rock fragments

109. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

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

ANSWERS: 101. roughly, 102. constructs, 103. pride, 104. vacation?, 105. faucet, 106. hometown, 107. doe, 108. sandstone, 109. preserve

110. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

111. The concrete _____ protects from the rising river during floods.

- n.* an artificial embankment or wall built to prevent a river or low-lying land from flooding

112. The _____ on the wall depicted the history of the city.

- adj.* a large painting or other artwork that is applied directly to a wall or other surface

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

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

114. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.

- n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

115. The artist used a star _____ to make a unique art piece.

- n.* a shape or outline that has been cut or carved out of a material, such as cardboard or wood; a person or thing that has been removed or eliminated from a group or situation; a hole or gap in a fenced or barricaded area for access or viewing

116. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.

- n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country

117. She left the _____ door open inadvertently.

- n.* a piece of electrical equipment in which food can be stored at low temperatures so that it stays fresh

ANSWERS: 110. identity, 111. levee, 112. mural, 113. heritage, 114. comeback, 115. cutout, 116. currency, 117. fridge

118. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

119. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

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

120. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

121. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

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

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

123. The woods _____ the house.

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

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

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

125. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

126. The sudden _____ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

n. death or the end of something

ANSWERS: 118. emerged, 119. declines, 120. modern, 121. ritual, 122. resilient, 123. embrace, 124. unique, 125. temporary, 126. demise

127. This museum has a _____ model of a mammoth.

adj. being of the same size as the person or thing represented

128. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

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

129. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.

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

130. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.

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

131. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

132. The _____ of my car was dented in the accident.

n. a device, typically made of rubber or metal, that projects from the front or rear of a vehicle and absorbs impact in the event of a collision; a metal bar on a vehicle used to push objects out of the way

133. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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

134. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 127. life-sized, 128. predict, 129. resident, 130. lane, 131. percentage, 132. bumper, 133. mass, 134. rediscovered

135. The _____ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

136. The museum had an impressive collection of sports _____ from famous athletes.

n. objects or items that are kept or collected because they are associated with a particular person, event, or period in history; items of sentimental value

137. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

138. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.

v. to build again or anew

139. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

140. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

141. The _____ roam freely in the plains of North America.

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

142. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 135. flickering, 136. memorabilia, 137. shield, 138. rebuild, 139. dam, 140. railroad, 141. buffalo, 142. overcome

143. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
144. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
145. The couple tried to _____ their relationship by spending more time together.
v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
146. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
147. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
148. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
149. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
n. something that causes growth or arouses action
150. 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

ANSWERS: 143. emotional, 144. destined, 145. rekindle, 146. visual, 147. ruined, 148. historic, 149. stimulus, 150. stick

151. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.

- n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

152. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

153. 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

154. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.

- n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

155. This company _____ into an enterprise company.

- v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

156. Baseball umpires often overturn decisions with _____ replay.

- n.* an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down

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

- v.* to take the place of something

158. She _____ fresh herbs into the soup for added flavor.

- v.* to fill something with a particular quality, feeling, or influence; to imbue

ANSWERS: 151. freeway, 152. crisis, 153. magnets, 154. punchline, 155. morphed, 156. slow-motion, 157. replace, 158. infused

159. She is _____ to our team.

adj. so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary

160. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

161. The _____ highway connects the major cities of the state.

adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

162. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally

163. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

164. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

165. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

166. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

ANSWERS: 159. indispensable, 160. appeal, 161. interstate, 162. summoning, 163. occasionally, 164. setback, 165. stretch, 166. earthquake

167. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

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

168. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

169. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

170. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

171. The rural _____ may cause long-term population loss.

n. a situation in which a large number of people leave or escape from a place at the same time

172. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

173. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

174. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 167. highway, 168. rev, 169. icons, 170. pioneer, 171. exodus, 172. Constant, 173. participated, 174. myth

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

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

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

177. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

178. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

179. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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

ANSWERS: 175. narrative, 176. psychology, 177. textile, 178. medium, 179. destroyed