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Session 1: Word List

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

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

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

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

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

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

survive

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

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

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

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

balance

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

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

pest

n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

synonym : nuisance, problem, annoyance

(1) **pest** control, (2) a **pest** of bean plants

The gardener used natural methods to keep **pests** away from her plants.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

deadly

adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death

synonym : fatal, lethal, harmful

(1) fight against the **deadly** disease, (2) a **deadly** weapon

The members of religious organizations released **deadly** poisonous gas on a subway train.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

malaria

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

dengue

n. a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

synonym : breakbone fever, infectious tropical disease

(1) **dengue** mosquito, (2) **dengue** outbreak

Many people in this region have contracted **dengue** fever from mosquito bites.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

burden

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

synonym: obligation, duty, load

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

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

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

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.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

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

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

pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym : germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air

mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym : bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

rash

n. any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences

synonym : hives, inflammation, roseola

(1) develop a **rash**, (2) prevent diaper **rash**

The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy **rash**.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

synonym : collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

fatigue

n. a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress

synonym : exhaustion, weariness, tiredness

(1) **fatigue** breaking, (2) **fatigue** caused by overwork

The metal showed signs of **fatigue** after being subjected to repeated stress.

notwithstanding

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

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

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

(2) **notwithstanding** my protests

Notwithstanding his disapproval, the decree was passed.

nuisance

n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

synonym : bother, annoyance, disturbance

(1) traffic **nuisance**, (2) **nuisance** call

The barking dog next door is becoming quite a **nuisance**.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym : grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

wetland

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

synonym : bog, marsh, swamp

(1) **wetland** conservation, (2) **wetland** ecosystem

The **wetland** area was home to many different species of

birds.

buzz

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one a bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

synonym: hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing

I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

slosh

v. to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud

synonym: splash, swish, slop

(1) **slosh** through the mud, (2) **slosh** a drink

The water **sloshed** over the edge of the bucket and spilled onto the floor.

wrangle

n. a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (*v.*) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

synonym: argument, dispute, quarrel

(1) **wrangle** over money, (2) political **wrangle**

The two politicians had a heated **wrangle** over the proposed tax reform.

sunburn

n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

synonym: burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream

I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym : admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

fascinate

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

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

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

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

microscope

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

synonym : lens, magnifier, eyepiece

(1) **microscope** slide, (2) electron **microscope**

I used an optical **microscope** to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

risk

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

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym: eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

smolder

v. to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment

synonym: burn, smoke, simmer

(1) **smolder** in resentment for many years, (2) **smolder** beneath the surface

The fire continued to **smolder** long after the firefighters had left.

coil

v. to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: twist, wind, loop

(1) **coil** wire, (2) **coil** an arm

She carefully **coiled** the rope so that it wouldn't tangle.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

mitigate

v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

synonym: alleviate, relieve, reduce

(1) **mitigate** risk, (2) **mitigate** a natural disaster

Efforts to **mitigate** the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym: smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym: smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities;
various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

distinctively

adv. in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized
by a particular quality or feature

synonym : uniquely, characteristically, peculiarly

(1) **distinctively** different, (2) **distinctively** bold

The dish's **distinctively** spicy flavor resulted from the unique
blend of spices used.

stripe

n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than
the surface on which it appears

synonym : line, band, streak

(1) a white **stripe**, (2) **stripe** texture

The plates have a blue **stripe** around the edge.

pale

adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or
interest or effectiveness

synonym : sallow, faint, ashen

(1) a **pale** complexion, (2) **pale** pink

She turned **pale** when she heard the news.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym : animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

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.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or
environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

adaptive

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

synonym : flexible, adjustable, pliant

(1) the **adaptive** coloring, (2) **adaptive** technology

The **adaptive** learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

snowmelt

n. the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer

synonym : melting, thawing

(1) **snowmelt** flooding, (2) **snowmelt** season

The town faced a flood threat due to rapid **snowmelt** in the mountains.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym : draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition
It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

puddle

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

synonym : pool, pond, small lake

(1) **puddle** of water, (2) step in a **puddle**

The rain had formed a large **puddle** on the sidewalk.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym : plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

frail *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
synonym : weak, delicate, fragile
(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition
My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite **frail**.

fragile *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable
(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem
The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

creature *n.* a living being, especially an animal
synonym : being, animal, organism
(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**
The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

breeze *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
synonym : wind, gust, puff
(1) a **breeze** from an open window, (2) fresh ocean **breeze**
The summer **breeze** was refreshing after the hot day.

rely *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
synonym : depend, count, lean
(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

amazing *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful
(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym: caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

saucer

n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

synonym : dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym : courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

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**.

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

kangaroo

n. a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly

synonym : bouncy, marsupial, joey

(1) giant **kangaroo**, (2) red **kangaroo**

The female **kangaroo** carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym : scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

lump

n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

synonym : mass, clump, ball

(1) **lump** in the throat, (2) single **lump** sum

There is a small **lump** on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.

transmit

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

synonym : convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym: bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

syrinx

n. the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together

synonym: panpipes

(1) dogs with a wide **syrinx**, (2) spinal **syrinx**

The shape of a bird's **syrinx** varies greatly depending on the environment in which it lives.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym: transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

chikungunya

n. a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue

synonym: dengue fever, zika virus, malaria

(1) **chikungunya** fever, (2) **chikungunya** outbreak
The **chikungunya** virus is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes.

humid

adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

synonym: damp, muggy, moist

(1) **humid** climate, (2) uncomfortably **humid**
The air was so **humid** that my clothes felt damp.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**
Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**
Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

pond

n. a small, shallow lake

synonym: lake, pool, basin

(1) a garden **pond**, (2) **pond** water
The freshwater **pond** was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
synonym: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer
Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym : watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

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.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym : inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

associate

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

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

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

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

stagnant

adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water

synonym: still, stagnant, unmoving

(1) **stagnant** car sales, (2) **stagnant** economy

The **stagnant** water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

tantalize

v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

synonym: tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

- bat** *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
synonym : cane, rod, stick
(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye
The cave was a habitat for **bats**.
- spider** *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
synonym : arachnid, wanderer
(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**
The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- aquatic** *adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water
synonym : marine, submarine, oceanic
(1) **aquatic** vehicles, (2) **aquatic** life
Aquatic ecosystems perform many essential environmental functions.
- insect** *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology
These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
- munch** *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
synonym : chew, nibble, gnaw
(1) **munch** on an apple, (2) **munch** away on crisps
I love to **munch** on popcorn while I watch a movie.
- 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.

- rid** v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
synonym : do away with, free, clear
(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.
- balanced** *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
synonym : equitable, congruous, flat
(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind
We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.
- ecosystem** *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**
Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.
- stormwater** *n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
synonym : rainwater, runoff, drainage
(1) **stormwater** management, (2) **stormwater** runoff
The **stormwater** drainage system must be improved to prevent flooding in the neighborhood.
- sight** *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
synonym : vision, spectacle, view
(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**
Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.
- breed** v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce
(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

exploit

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

synonym: use, abuse, control

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

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

wastewater

n. water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.

synonym: drainage, sewerage

(1) **wastewater** disposal equipment, (2) biological **wastewater**

As that country developed its industry, it began to invest more in **wastewater** treatment technology.

indoor

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

prefer

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

synonym: choose, like, favor

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

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

featherless

adj. devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or

someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it

synonym : bald, naked, unfeathered

(1) **featherless** bird, (2) **featherless** chicken

The bald eagle's **featherless** head distinguishes it from other birds of prey.

disturbance

n. something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried

synonym : disorder, upset, annoyance

(1) a nervous **disturbance**, (2) a **disturbance** caused by a terrorist

This building construction causes serious **disturbance** to residents.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym: across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

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**.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

contribute

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

synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

synonym: control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct

We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

installation

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

synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

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

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

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

degrade

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

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

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

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

suitable

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

synonym : appropriate, fitting, proper

(1) **suitable** amount, (2) date **suitable** to both groups

The dress was **suitable** for the formal occasion.

pollution

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

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

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

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

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

tip

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

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .
I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

rainfall

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

synonym : downpour, drizzle, rain

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

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

gutter

n. a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater

synonym : channel, trench, drain

(1) **gutter** system, (2) a building **gutter**

The **gutter** on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

repellent

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

synonym : disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

pharmacy

n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's

synonym : drugstore, chemist's, apothecary

(1) **pharmacy** chain, (2) online **pharmacy**

I need to go to the hospital **pharmacy** to pick up my

prescription.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

perfume

n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin

synonym: scent, aroma, bouquet

(1) a subtle **perfume**, (2) **perfume** every day

He sniffed the **perfume** voluptuously.

dab

v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times

synonym: apply, pat, daub

(1) **dab** my cheek with powder, (2) **dab** paint on the wall

She **dabbed** her face with a puff.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

fan

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

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

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

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

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a

machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric

temperature

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

attract

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

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

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

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

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

bloodsucker

n. a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others

synonym: leech, tick, parasite

(1) **bloodsucker** mosquito, (2) political **bloodsucker**

The lobbyist was accused of being a **bloodsucker**, using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his

clients.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**
He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. em___e from poverty | <i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible |
| 2. bird and other wi_____fe | <i>n.</i> animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions |
| 3. st___e texture | <i>n.</i> a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears |
| 4. manually op_____e a machine | <i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something |
| 5. artificial cr_____re | <i>n.</i> a living being, especially an animal |
| 6. develop a r__h | <i>n.</i> any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences |
| 7. ma_____in good health | <i>v.</i> to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true |
| 8. a sense of wel_____ng | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 9. the ba_____e of power | <i>n.</i> a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away |
| 10. dull si__t | <i>n.</i> the ability to see; anything that is seen |
| 11. ex_____t a valuable opportunity | <i>v.</i> to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc. |

ANSWERS: 1. emerge, 2. wildlife, 3. stripe, 4. operate, 5. creature, 6. rash, 7. maintain, 8. well-being, 9. balance, 10. sight, 11. exploit

12. heavy ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
13. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
14. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
15. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
16. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
17. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
18. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
19. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
20. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
21. ba_____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
22. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
23. wr_____e over money *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

ANSWERS: 12. rainfall, 13. communal, 14. dynamic, 15. fortunate, 16. fan, 17. predator, 18. essentially, 19. polluted, 20. cycle, 21. backyard, 22. fortunate, 23. wrangle

24. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
25. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
26. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
27. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
28. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
29. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
30. st_____nt car sales *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
31. cadmium-po_____ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
32. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
33. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 24. itch, 25. contribute, 26. mosquito, 27. basin, 28. tide, 29. ecosystem, 30. stagnant, 31. polluted, 32. hatch, 33. slap

34. political wr_____e *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
35. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
36. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
37. blo_____er mosquito *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
38. pe_____e every day *n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
39. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
40. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
41. fr__l body *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
42. 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

ANSWERS: 34. wrangle, 35. cow, 36. refuge, 37. bloodsucker, 38. perfume, 39. problematic, 40. transfer, 41. frail, 42. trap

43. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
44. fa____e caused by overwork *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
45. electron mic____pe *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
46. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
47. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
48. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
49. ov____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
50. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
51. pu____e of water *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
52. for ov____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 43. survive, 44. fatigue, 45. microscope, 46. balance, 47. rid, 48. survive, 49. oversea, 50. rely, 51. puddle, 52. oversea

53. a building gu___r *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
54. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
55. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
56. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
57. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
58. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
59. spinal sy___x *n.* the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together
60. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
61. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

ANSWERS: 53. gutter, 54. tide, 55. threat, 56. barbecue, 57. environment, 58. basin, 59. syrinx, 60. temperature, 61. breed

62. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
63. p__e pink *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
64. nu_____ce call *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
65. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
66. mic_____pe slide *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
67. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
68. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
69. chi_____ya fever *n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue
70. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
71. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 62. diverse, 63. pale, 64. nuisance, 65. diversity, 66. microscope, 67. critic, 68. weigh, 69. chikungunya, 70. confession, 71. pristine

72. tr____it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
73. web sp____r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
74. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
75. politically fr____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
76. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
77. de____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
78. loss of bio____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
79. bio____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

ANSWERS: 72. transmit, 73. spider, 74. climate, 75. fragile, 76. tip, 77. degrade, 78. biodiversity, 79. biodiversity

80. re____te blood sugar levels *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
81. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
82. draw out a sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
83. un____e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
84. at____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
85. a ba____ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
86. inc____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
87. a dy____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
88. plant pa____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
89. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 80. regulate, 81. disease, 82. scheme, 83. unique, 84. attract, 85. balanced, 86. incredibly, 87. dynamic, 88. pathogen, 89. rely

90. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
91. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
92. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
93. uncomfortably hu__d *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
94. de___e mosquito *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
95. a nervous dis_____ce *n.* something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried
96. a jo__t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
97. giant ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
98. a strain of vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
99. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
100. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 90. inadvertently, 91. frequent, 92. environment, 93. humid, 94. dengue, 95. disturbance, 96. joint, 97. kangaroo, 98. virus, 99. unfortunately, 100. structure

101. mu__h away on crisps *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
102. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
103. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
104. ad_____ve technology *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
105. a well-ba_____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
106. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
107. play in the ba_____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
108. the ad_____ve coloring *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
109. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
110. stress pr_____n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
111. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 101. munch, 102. infect, 103. associate, 104. adaptive, 105. balanced, 106. volume, 107. backyard, 108. adaptive, 109. larva, 110. protein, 111. attract

112. sn_____lt season *n.* the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
113. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
114. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
115. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
116. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
117. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
118. p__d water *n.* a small, shallow lake
119. infectious disease ou_____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
120. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
121. online ph_____cy *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
122. ma_____a mosquitoes *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

ANSWERS: 112. snowmelt, 113. larva, 114. mosquito, 115. infect, 116. essentially, 117. diverse, 118. pond, 119. outbreak, 120. disrupt, 121. pharmacy, 122. malaria

123. variety of vi_____t colors *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
124. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
125. mi_____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
126. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
127. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
128. ta_____ze taste buds *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
129. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
130. a br___e from an open window *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
131. prevent diaper r__h *n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences
132. date su_____le to both groups *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
133. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 123. vibrant, 124. diversity, 125. mitigate, 126. government, 127. moss, 128. tantalize, 129. rainwater, 130. breeze, 131. rash, 132. suitable, 133. disperse

134. c__l an arm *v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern
135. su____n cream *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
136. the pa____en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
137. ph____cy chain *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
138. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
139. become increasingly com____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
140. high levels of air po____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
141. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
142. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
143. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
144. co____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

ANSWERS: 134. coil, 135. sunburn, 136. pathogen, 137. pharmacy, 138. breed, 139. complicated, 140. pollution, 141. unique, 142. bat, 143. mud, 144. convert

145. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
146. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
147. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
148. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
149. we_____d ecosystem *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
150. a garden p__d *n.* a small, shallow lake
151. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
152. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
153. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
154. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
155. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 145. prefer, 146. disease, 147. refuge, 148. maintain, 149. wetland, 150. pond, 151. pollution, 152. predator, 153. adapt, 154. fragile, 155. suburb

156. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
157. fa_____e breaking *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
158. re_____nt odor *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
159. a subtle pe_____e *n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
160. sm_____r in resentment for many years *v.* to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment
161. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
162. a p__t of bean plants *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
163. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
164. re_____nt properties *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

ANSWERS: 156. buzz, 157. fatigue, 158. repellent, 159. perfume, 160. smolder, 161. moss, 162. pest, 163. rainwater, 164. repellent

165. sp___r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
166. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
167. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
168. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
169. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
170. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
171. ba_____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
172. a de___y weapon *adj.* likely to cause or capable of causing death
173. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
174. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 165. spider, 166. disappear, 167. transmission, 168. underneath, 169. pristine, 170. communal, 171. barbecue, 172. deadly, 173. opportune, 174. thrive

175. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
176. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
177. fight against the de_____y disease *adj.* likely to cause or capable of causing death
178. re_____n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
179. get a su_____n *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
180. sto_____er runoff *n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
181. dis_____ely different *adv.* in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature
182. a dis_____ce caused by a terrorist *n.* something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried
183. designed for in_____r use *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
184. the cy___e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
185. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
186. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 175. ecosystem, 176. vibrant, 177. deadly, 178. retain, 179. sunburn, 180. stormwater, 181. distinctively, 182. disturbance, 183. indoor, 184. cycle, 185. disappear, 186. contribute

187. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
188. fea_____ss chicken *adj.* devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it
189. pr_____n synthesis *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
190. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
191. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
192. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
193. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
194. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
195. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

ANSWERS: 187. prefer, 188. featherless, 189. protein, 190. drain, 191. develop, 192. rid, 193. hatch, 194. intense, 195. temperature

196. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
197. d_b paint on the wall *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
198. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
199. sl__h a drink *v.* to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud
200. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
201. bu____n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
202. in____t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
203. l__p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
204. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
205. the bone of a jo__t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

ANSWERS: 196. pet, 197. dab, 198. relation, 199. slosh, 200. struggle, 201. burden, 202. insect, 203. lump, 204. outbreak, 205. joint

206. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
207. aq____c vehicles *adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water
208. sq___h a rebellion *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
209. re____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
210. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
211. can of w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
212. dis_____ely bold *adv.* in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature
213. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
214. hu__d climate *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
215. aq____c life *adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water
216. st____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 206. pet, 207. aquatic, 208. squash, 209. recycle, 210. emerge, 211. worm, 212. distinctively, 213. planet, 214. humid, 215. aquatic, 216. structure

217. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
218. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
219. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
220. red ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
221. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
222. not_____ing my protests *adv.* despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
223. wiggly w___ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
224. a white st___e *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
225. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

ANSWERS: 217. gap, 218. exposed, 219. develop, 220. kangaroo, 221. thrive, 222. notwithstanding, 223. worm, 224. stripe, 225. cow

226. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
227. dr_____t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
228. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
229. chi_____ya outbreak *n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue
230. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
231. c__l wire *v.* to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern
232. traffic nu_____ce *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
233. an in_____r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
234. fea_____ss bird *adj.* devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it

ANSWERS: 226. installation, 227. droplet, 228. relation, 229. chikungunya, 230. frequent, 231. coil, 232. nuisance, 233. indoor, 234. featherless

235. not_____ing the preceding provisions
adv. despite anything to the contrary; nevertheless; (preposition) despite or in spite of
236. re___n a lawyer
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
237. develop in_____e itching
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
238. in_____e a high degree of risk
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
239. tea sa___r
n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
240. a con_____on of faith
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
241. su___b development
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
242. re_____te our conduct
v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
243. biological was_____er
n. water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
244. single l__p sum
n. a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough

ANSWERS: 235. notwithstanding, 236. retain, 237. intense, 238. involve, 239. saucer, 240. confession, 241. suburb, 242. regulate, 243. wastewater, 244. lump

245. fresh ocean br___e *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
246. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
247. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
248. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
249. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
250. a p__e complexion *adj.* having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
251. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
252. sl__h through the mud *v.* to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud
253. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
254. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

ANSWERS: 245. breeze, 246. fan, 247. installation, 248. climate, 249. fascinate, 250. pale, 251. humble, 252. slosh, 253. stream, 254. humble

255. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
256. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
257. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
258. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
259. mi_____te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
260. p__t control *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
261. tr_____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
262. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
263. flying sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
264. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 255. degrade, 256. inadvertently, 257. wildlife, 258. sight, 259. mitigate, 260. pest, 261. transmit, 262. adapt, 263. saucer, 264. insect

265. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
266. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
267. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
268. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
269. sm_____r beneath the surface *v.* to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment
270. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
271. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
272. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
273. a pilot sc____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
274. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 265. secondly, 266. planet, 267. convert, 268. critic, 269. smolder, 270. tip, 271. amazing, 272. well-being, 273. scheme, 274. weigh

275. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
276. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
277. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
278. sn_____lt flooding *n.* the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
279. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
280. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
281. 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
282. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
283. the mean annual ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
284. d_b my cheek with powder *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times

ANSWERS: 275. struggle, 276. mud, 277. bat, 278. snowmelt, 279. virus, 280. install, 281. trap, 282. drain, 283. rainfall, 284. dab

285. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
286. step in a pu___e *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
287. dr_____t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
288. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
289. a pro_____ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
290. gu___r system *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
291. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
292. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
293. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
294. mu__h on an apple *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
295. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
296. su_____le amount *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
297. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
298. de___e outbreak *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

ANSWERS: 285. volume, 286. puddle, 287. droplet, 288. unfortunately, 289. problematic, 290. gutter, 291. interact, 292. incredibly, 293. disperse, 294. munch, 295. widespread, 296. suitable, 297. underneath, 298. dengue

299. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
300. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
301. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
302. ma_____a-endemic area *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
303. the st____m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
304. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
305. ta_____ze with promises *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
306. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
307. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
308. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
309. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
310. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

ANSWERS: 299. amazing, 300. install, 301. itch, 302. malaria, 303. stream, 304. fascinate, 305. tantalize, 306. recycle, 307. interact, 308. secondly, 309. creature, 310. exposed

311. tr____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
312. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
313. political blo____er *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
314. op____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
315. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
316. sq____h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
317. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
318. we____d conservation *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
319. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 311. transfer, 312. threat, 313. bloodsucker, 314. operate, 315. disrupt, 316. squash, 317. slap, 318. wetland, 319. involve

320. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
321. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
322. fr__l condition *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
323. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
324. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
325. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
326. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
327. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
328. was_____er disposal equipment *n.* water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
329. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
330. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 320. widespread, 321. transmission, 322. frail, 323. complicated, 324. associate, 325. vary, 326. opportune, 327. exploit, 328. wastewater, 329. government, 330. burden

331. st____nt economy *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
332. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
333. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
334. sto_____er management *n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
335. dogs with a wide sy____x *n.* the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together
336. b__z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

ANSWERS: 331. stagnant, 332. gap, 333. vary, 334. stormwater, 335. syrinx, 336. buzz

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The lobbyist was accused of being a _____ using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his clients.
n. a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
2. His heartaches are less _____ now.
adj. happening constantly
3. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
4. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
5. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
6. The _____ area was home to many different species of birds.
adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
7. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 1. bloodsucker, 2. frequent, 3. recycle, 4. tide, 5. environment, 6. wetland, 7. Essentially,

8. As that country developed its industry, it began to invest more in _____ treatment technology.
- n.* water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
9. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
10. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
11. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
- n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
12. Efforts to _____ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.
- v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
13. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
14. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
15. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

ANSWERS: 8. wastewater, 9. government, 10. disrupt, 11. wildlife, 12. mitigate, 13. planet, 14. fascinated, 15. biodiversity

16. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
17. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
18. Parents often _____ their characteristics to their children.
v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
19. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
20. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
21. The metal showed signs of _____ after being subjected to repeated stress.
n. a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
22. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.
n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
23. I love to _____ on popcorn while I watch a movie.
v. to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching

ANSWERS: 16. insects, 17. incredibly, 18. transmit, 19. barbecue, 20. creature, 21. fatigue, 22. protein, 23. munch

24. 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
25. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.
adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
26. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. The barking dog next door is becoming quite a _____.
n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
28. The gardener used natural methods to keep _____ away from her plants.
n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
29. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
30. She _____ her face with a puff.
v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
31. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 24. suburbs, 25. joint, 26. opportune, 27. nuisance, 28. pests, 29. Communal, 30. dabbed, 31. outbreak

32. The two politicians had a heated _____ over the proposed tax reform.
n. a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
33. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.
adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
34. She turned _____ when she heard the news.
adj. having skin that is very light colored; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness
35. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
36. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
37. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.
n. a small drop of liquid
38. I need to go to the hospital _____ to pick up my prescription.
n. a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
39. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 32. wrangle, 33. problematic, 34. pale, 35. dynamic, 36. well-being, 37. droplet, 38. pharmacy, 39. disease

40. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

41. _____ his disapproval, the decree was passed.

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

42. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

43. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

44. Many people in this region have contracted _____ fever from mosquito bites.

n. a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

45. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

46. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

47. She carefully _____ the rope so that it wouldn't tangle.

v. to wind something in a spiral or helical shape; to create a coil or coil-like shape; to group or organize something closely together in a circular or spiral pattern

ANSWERS: 40. disappear, 41. Notwithstanding, 42. underneath, 43. exposed, 44. dengue, 45. oversea, 46. virus, 47. coiled

48. The air was so _____ that my clothes felt damp.

adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

49. The summer _____ was refreshing after the hot day.

n. a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing

50. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

51. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

52. The plates have a blue _____ around the edge.

n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

53. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior _____.

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

54. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

55. The bald eagle's _____ head distinguishes it from other birds of prey.

adj. devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it

ANSWERS: 48. humid, 49. breeze, 50. breeds, 51. mosquitos, 52. stripe, 53. repellent, 54. interact, 55. featherless

56. The cave was a habitat for _____.

- n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

57. He grows vegetables in his _____.

- n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

58. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.

- v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

59. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

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

60. She sipped her tea from a delicate _____.

- n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

61. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

62. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

63. I'm a big _____ of French food.

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

ANSWERS: 56. bats, 57. backyard, 58. buzz, 59. exploit, 60. saucer, 61. complicated, 62. threat, 63. fan

64. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

65. My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite _____.

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

66. _____ ecosystems perform many essential environmental functions.

adj. growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water

67. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

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

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

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

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

70. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

71. The town faced a flood threat due to rapid _____ in the mountains.

n. the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer

ANSWERS: 64. balanced, 65. frail, 66. Aquatic, 67. transferred, 68. prefer, 69. involves, 70. polluted, 71. snowmelt

72. We must manage to _____ our expenditure.

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

73. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

74. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

75. The female _____ carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.

n. a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly

76. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

77. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

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

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

79. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

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

ANSWERS: 72. regulate, 73. amazing, 74. basin, 75. kangaroo, 76. diversity, 77. ecosystem, 78. Climate, 79. degrade

80. I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful _____ on my back.
- n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
81. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.
- n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
82. This building construction causes serious _____ to residents.
- n.* something that interrupts a settled and peaceful condition or that makes someone feel nervous or worried
83. The water _____ over the edge of the bucket and spilled onto the floor.
- v.* to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud
84. The freshwater _____ was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.
- n.* a small, shallow lake
85. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.
- v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
86. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
87. Push the button and let the water _____ away.
- v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

ANSWERS: 80. sunburn, 81. refuge, 82. disturbance, 83. sloshed, 84. pond, 85. hatch, 86. cycle, 87. drain

88. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
89. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
90. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
91. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
92. The _____ on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.
n. a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
93. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
94. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
95. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
96. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 88. unfortunately, 89. predator's, 90. infect, 91. thrive, 92. gutter, 93. intense, 94. slap, 95. attract, 96. adapt

97. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
98. The dish's _____ spicy flavor resulted from the unique blend of spices used.
- adv.* in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature
99. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
- v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
100. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
- adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
101. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
- n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
102. There is a small _____ on my neck, and I'm concerned about it.
- n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
103. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.
- n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
104. The _____ drainage system must be improved to prevent flooding in the neighborhood.
- n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems

ANSWERS: 97. structure, 98. distinctively, 99. convert, 100. secondly, 101. larva, 102. lump, 103. Worms, 104. stormwater

105. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

106. The rain had formed a large _____ on the sidewalk.

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

107. Babies heavily ____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

108. Many people in tropical countries die from _____ every year.

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

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

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

110. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

111. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

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

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

ANSWERS: 105. mud, 106. puddle, 107. rely, 108. malaria, 109. pollution, 110. survive, 111. volume, 112. balance

113. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
114. These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant _____.
n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
115. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.
adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
116. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
117. The _____ learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.
adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
118. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
119. He sniffed the _____ voluptuously.
n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
120. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.
adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
121. mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated _____.
n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

ANSWERS: 113. scheme, 114. rainfall, 115. vibrant, 116. spider, 117. adaptive, 118. fortunate, 119. perfume, 120. inadvertently, 121. pathogens

122. The _____ water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
123. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
124. The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen _____ me.
v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
125. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
126. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
127. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
128. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
129. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
130. The dress was _____ for the formal occasion.
adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

ANSWERS: 122. stagnant, 123. critics, 124. tantalized, 125. diverse, 126. unique, 127. temperatures, 128. emerged, 129. maintain, 130. suitable

131. The _____ virus is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes.
- n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue
132. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.
- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
133. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
134. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
135. The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy _____.
- n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences
136. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
137. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
138. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 131. chikungunya, 132. vary, 133. struggle, 134. relations, 135. rash, 136. streams, 137. gap, 138. contribute

139. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people
140. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
141. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.
v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
142. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
143. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
144. The shape of a bird's _____ varies greatly depending on the environment in which it lives.
n. the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together
145. Table tennis is an _____ sport.
adj. located, happened, or used inside a building
146. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.
v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

ANSWERS: 139. widespread, 140. itching, 141. rid, 142. retain, 143. rainwater, 144. syrinx, 145. indoor, 146. squash

147. That car has a low environmental _____.

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

148. Education is the _____ of civilization.

- n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

149. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

- v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

150. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

- v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

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

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

152. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

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

153. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

154. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.

- n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 147. burden, 148. transmission, 149. weighs, 150. operate, 151. associate, 152. tips, 153. develop, 154. confession

155. I have a parrot as a _____.

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

156. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

157. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

158. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.

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

159. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

160. The members of religious organizations released _____ poisonous gas on a subway train.

adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death

161. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

162. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

163. 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

ANSWERS: 155. pet, 156. Moss, 157. pristine, 158. installation, 159. sights, 160. deadly, 161. humble, 162. fragile, 163. trap

164. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

165. The fire continued to _____ long after the firefighters had left.

- v.* to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment

166. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.

- n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

167. I used an optical _____ to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

- n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

168. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.

- v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 164. dispersed, 165. smolder, 166. cows, 167. microscope, 168. installed