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Session 1: Word List

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym : block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

tiptoe

n. a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet

synonym : stealth, sneak

(1) **tiptoe** approach, (2) **tiptoe** around the issue

I walked on **tiptoe** to avoid waking up my sleeping baby.

lounge

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport

synonym : lobby, saloon, club

(1) departure **lounge**, (2) conversation **lounge**

We will go to the VIP **lounge** at the airport till departure.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

expletive

n. a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

synonym : curse, swear word, profanity

(1) **expletive** language, (2) **expletive** pronoun

When she stubbed her toe, she let out an **expletive** in pain.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

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

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

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.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym: set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

princess

n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

synonym: royal, noble, queen

(1) crown **princess**, (2) a Royal **Princess**

The prince fell in love with the **princess** and asked her to marry him.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

inspire

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

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym : implied, unstated, hinted

(1) **implicit** bias, (2) give **implicit** consent

The **implicit** meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym : willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

pleasurable

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

synonym : comforting, enjoyable, gratifying

(1) a **pleasurable** experience, (2) have a very **pleasurable** time

Our marital life was full of happiness and **pleasurable**

excitement.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

de-risk

v. to reduce or eliminate the risk involved in something
synonym : mitigate, reduce, eliminate

(1) **de-risk** the company, (2) **de-risk** the business

The company **de-risked** its investments by diversifying its portfolio.

refine

v. to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development

synonym : purify, process, improve

(1) **refine** oil, (2) **refine** a language

The company is working to **refine** its production process to be more efficient.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

recommend

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

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

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

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

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

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

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

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym: pressing, critical, immediate

(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym: opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym: prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

execution

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

synonym : carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

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

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

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

synonym : support, foundation, base

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

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

stretch

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

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym : cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

pile

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

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

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

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

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **nodded** quietly in response to the question.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

out.

rut

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

synonym : groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

mirror-image

n. a reflection or exact copy of an object or image, with the right and left sides reversed; something that is a precise or nearly identical copy of something else but with the orientation flipped

synonym: reflection, image, likeness

(1) **mirror-image** symmetry, (2) **mirror-image** reflection

The two paintings were **mirror-images** of each other.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

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.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

mere

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

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

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

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

unfamiliar

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

synonym: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

untried

adj. not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use

synonym: untested, inexperienced, new

(1) **untried** approach, (2) **untried** solution

I'm unsure about the effectiveness of this **untried** medication.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

impractical

adj. not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

synonym: impracticable, unrealizable, unfeasible

(1) **impractical** idea, (2) **impractical** solution

It is **impractical** to expect everyone to work for free.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

hospitality

n. the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

synonym: generosity, friendliness, cordiality

(1) **hospitality** industry, (2) **hospitality** service

The hotel is known for its exceptional **hospitality**.

stave

n. a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

synonym: stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from

approaching the harbor.

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.

preempt

v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

synonym: forestall, head off, anticipate

(1) **preempt** a financial crisis, (2) **preempt** trouble
The government **preempted** the release of sensitive information.

maverick

adj. characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

synonym: unconventional, nonconformist, independent-minded

(1) **maverick** behavior, (2) **maverick** politician
The **maverick** artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

bet

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

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future
I **bet** that you know it.

incumbent

n. a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job

synonym : holder, occupant, officeholder

(1) **incumbent** party, (2) **incumbent** duties

The **incumbent** president is seeking re-election for another term in office.

miniature

adj. being on a very small scale

synonym : mini, scaled-down, pint-sized

(1) **miniature** camera, (2) **miniature** version

He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval **miniatures**.

viable

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

synonym : feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

synonym : intentionally, knowingly, willfully

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

He **deliberately** misleads others.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

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.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

judge

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

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

confidence

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

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

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

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

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental

consequences.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

semiconductor

n. a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices

synonym: chip, wafer

(1) **semiconductor** industry, (2) **semiconductor** device

The company develops and sells **semiconductor** memory for use in computers and servers.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

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

He was **naturally** gifted.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

bioscience

n. a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology

synonym: life science, biotech

(1) **bioscience** research, (2) **bioscience** industry

The university's **bioscience** program offers biology, genetics, and biotechnology courses.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym : copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

distract

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

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

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

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

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym : unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**

They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

handle

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

synonym: control, manage, deal with

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

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

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.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the

case immediately.

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

pioneer

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

synonym: frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

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

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

automated

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

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

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

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

biobank

n. a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes

synonym : biorepository, genome bank, DNA bank

(1) **biobank** samples, (2) national **biobank**

The researchers are working to create a **biobank** of genetic material for scientific study.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

anomalous

adj. deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain

synonym : unusual, peculiar, abnormal

(1) **anomalous** behavior, (2) **anomalous** result

The data from the study was **anomalous** and unexpected.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym : renovate, restore, revitalize

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

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

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

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

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

awry

adv. in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

synonym : amiss, askew, incorrect

(1) **awry** plan, (2) **awry** hair

The plans for the surprise party went **awry** when the cake was ruined.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

obituary

n. a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death

synonym : death notice, memorial, necrology

(1) **obituary** notice, (2) **obituary** column

The man's **obituary** was published in the local newspaper.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

synonym : standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

fallacy

n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

synonym : falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

employ

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

synonym: hire, engage, use

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

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

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

indicator

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

synonym: barometer, signal, index

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

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

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym: forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym: park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym: inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

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

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

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor
This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot
She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

doe

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

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym : beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset
She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym : stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

palace

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

synonym : mansion, manor, castle

(1) a **palace** garden, (2) ancestral **palace**

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

mortar

n. a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

synonym : howitzer, cement mixer, masonry tool

(1) **mortar** joints, (2) apply **mortar**

The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh **mortar**.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

digital

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

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

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.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

in-person

adv. taking place with someone physically present together in the same place rather than on the phone, e-mail, or video link:

synonym : directly, physically, personally

(1) **in-person** performance, (2) get an **in-person** appointment

The virtual world is quite different from the **in-person** world.

transaction

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

synonym : trade, dealing, commerce

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

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

quaint

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

synonym : charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

obsolete

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

synonym : ancient, bygone, outdated

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

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

relic

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

synonym : whiff, vestige, antique

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

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

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym: demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

addition

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

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

upstairs

adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building

synonym: above, upper

(1) live **upstairs**, (2) go **upstairs** to rest

I heard a noise **upstairs**.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym: attribute, feature, quality

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

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

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym: expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

embrace

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

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

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

The woods **embrace** the house.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym: open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified

period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee;
(verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other
assets to someone for a specified period of time in
exchange for payment

synonym : rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

Session 2: Spelling

1. put a ha____s on my pet
v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
2. un____in democratization
v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something
3. a convex l__s
n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
4. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. de__l horns
n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
6. pho_____ph album
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 1. harness, 2. underpin, 3. lens, 4. opportune, 5. devil, 6. photograph

7. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
8. compulsory ex_____on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
9. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
10. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
11. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
12. get an in_____on appointment *adv.* taking place with someone physically present together in the same place rather than on the phone, e-mail, or video link:
13. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
14. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
15. pu_____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
16. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
17. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 7. native, 8. execution, 9. norm, 10. scenario, 11. suppose, 12. in-person, 13. disappear, 14. sustained, 15. puzzling, 16. horrible, 17. suddenly

18. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
19. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
20. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
21. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
22. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
23. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
24. small ch_____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
25. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
26. dr_____n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
27. give im_____it consent *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
28. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

ANSWERS: 18. naturally, 19. pioneer, 20. spot, 21. stretch, 22. mere, 23. scenario, 24. church, 25. taboo, 26. dragon, 27. implicit, 28. indicator

29. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
30. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
31. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
32. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
33. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
34. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
35. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
36. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
37. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 29. vulnerable, 30. judge, 31. start-up, 32. stab, 33. confession, 34. spontaneous, 35. confidence, 36. lens, 37. advocate

38. conversation lo___e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
39. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
40. ex_____on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
41. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
42. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
43. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
44. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
45. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
46. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
47. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
48. un_____d solution *adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use

ANSWERS: 38. lounge, 39. flip, 40. execution, 41. employ, 42. constantly, 43. evolve, 44. decide, 45. robust, 46. comfort, 47. underpin, 48. untried

49. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
50. ur___t situation *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
51. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
52. imp_____al idea *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
53. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
54. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
55. ma_____ck politician *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
56. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
57. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
58. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
59. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 49. alternative, 50. urgent, 51. define, 52. impractical, 53. kit, 54. spot, 55. maverick, 56. transaction, 57. church, 58. electron, 59. trigger

60. crown pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
61. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
62. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
63. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
64. ob_____ry notice *n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
65. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
66. fa_____y of logic *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
67. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 60. princess, 61. tap, 62. assume, 63. chain, 64. obituary, 65. label, 66. fallacy, 67. inspiration

68. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
69. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
70. the unf_____ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
71. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
72. bio_____ce industry *n.* a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology
73. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
74. de__'s advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
75. bi_____k samples *n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes
76. pu_____ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
77. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 68. exclude, 69. uncomfortable, 70. unfamiliar, 71. shrink, 72. bioscience, 73. spontaneous, 74. devil, 75. biobank, 76. puzzling, 77. argue

78. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
79. dw_____e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
80. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
81. national bi_____k *n.* a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes
82. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
83. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
84. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
85. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
86. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
87. an ur___t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
88. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
89. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
90. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 78. equip, 79. dwindle, 80. ridiculous, 81. biobank, 82. evolve, 83. tempting, 84. operate, 85. gorgeous, 86. disappear, 87. urgent, 88. trait, 89. ridiculous, 90. seize

91. co____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
92. historical re__c *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
93. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
94. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
95. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
96. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
97. un____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
98. ha____e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
99. un____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
100. na____e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
101. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 91. convince, 92. relic, 93. accelerate, 94. confer, 95. announce, 96. confidence, 97. uncover, 98. handle, 99. uncover, 100. native, 101. foresee

102. unintended con_____ces	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
103. con_____te with a disease	<i>v.</i> to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
104. evolutionary bi_____y	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
105. re___e oil	<i>v.</i> to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
106. es_____al amino acid	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
107. ba_____ne budget	<i>n.</i> a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
108. hu___e around the open fire	<i>v.</i> to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
109. d_e rabbit	<i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
110. ancestral pa___e	<i>n.</i> the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
111. im_____ry pregnancy	<i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind
112. un___k value	<i>v.</i> to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
113. commit a crime del_____ely	<i>adv.</i> done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
114. ine_____le result	<i>adj.</i> certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 102. consequence, 103. contaminate, 104. biology, 105. refine, 106. essential, 107. baseline, 108. huddle, 109. doe, 110. palace, 111. imaginary, 112. unlock, 113. deliberately, 114. inevitable

115. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
116. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
117. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
118. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
119. pr_____t trouble *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
120. hu_____e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
121. ti_____r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
122. early-stage st_____up *n.* a newly established company or business
123. del_____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
124. plastic d___l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
125. apply mo_____r *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
126. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 115. operate, 116. contaminate, 117. competitive, 118. identify, 119. preempt, 120. huddle, 121. tinker, 122. start-up, 123. deliberately, 124. doll, 125. mortar, 126. reimagine

127. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
128. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
129. ma___e statues *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
130. rag d___l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
131. establish a ba_____ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
132. a___y plan *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
133. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
134. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
135. mir_____age symmetry *n.* a reflection or exact copy of an object or image, with the right and left sides reversed; something that is a precise or nearly identical copy of something else but with the orientation flipped

ANSWERS: 127. advantage, 128. robust, 129. marble, 130. doll, 131. baseline, 132. awry, 133. shrink, 134. playground, 135. mirror-image

136. sem_____tor industry *n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
137. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
138. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
139. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
140. hos_____ty service *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
141. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
142. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
143. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
144. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
145. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
146. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 136. semiconductor, 137. strategy, 138. alternative, 139. pile, 140. hospitality, 141. reimagine, 142. invention, 143. automatic, 144. distract, 145. Catholic, 146. transport

147. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
148. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
149. achieve a vi____e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
150. belief in a fa_____y *n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
151. de_____k the business *v.* to reduce or eliminate the risk involved in something
152. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
153. ex_____ve pronoun *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
154. card with no foreign tra_____on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
155. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
156. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
157. 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

ANSWERS: 147. biology, 148. employ, 149. viable, 150. fallacy, 151. de-risk, 152. comfort, 153. expletive, 154. transaction, 155. judge, 156. certainty, 157. disrupt

158. an_____us behavior *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
159. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
160. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
161. re___e a language *v.* to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
162. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
163. mi_____re camera *adj.* being on a very small scale
164. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
165. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
166. ti___e around the issue *n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet

ANSWERS: 158. anomalous, 159. uncomfortable, 160. recommend, 161. refine, 162. naturally, 163. miniature, 164. seduce, 165. string, 166. tiptoe

167. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
168. im____it bias *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
169. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
170. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
171. scientific ce_____ty *n.* the state of being certain
172. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
173. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
174. all ability to mo____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
175. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
176. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 167. mere, 168. implicit, 169. overlook, 170. seduce, 171. certainty, 172. sacred, 173. technique, 174. motivate, 175. seize, 176. digital

177. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
178. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
179. ob____ry column *n.* a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
180. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
181. ad____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
182. ap____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
183. mo____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
184. long-term le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 177. decide, 178. warn, 179. obituary, 180. string, 181. addition, 182. appoint, 183. motivate, 184. lease

185. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
186. boring routine r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
187. artificial ma___e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
188. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
189. mi_____re version *adj.* being on a very small scale
190. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
191. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
192. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
193. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
194. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 185. stab, 186. rut, 187. marble, 188. taboo, 189. miniature, 190. pile, 191. fragile, 192. digital, 193. brick, 194. recommend

195. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
196. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
197. a Royal Pr_____ss *n.* the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable
198. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
199. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
200. au_____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
201. un_____d approach *adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
202. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
203. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
204. holy re__cs *n.* an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
205. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
206. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

ANSWERS: 195. slightly, 196. horrible, 197. princess, 198. accelerate, 199. core, 200. automated, 201. untried, 202. norm, 203. technique, 204. relic, 205. trigger, 206. playground

207. de____k the company *v.* to reduce or eliminate the risk involved in something
208. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
209. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
210. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
211. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
212. an ob_____te word *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
213. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
214. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
215. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
216. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 207. de-risk, 208. intuition, 209. tap, 210. photograph, 211. bet, 212. obsolete, 213. tread, 214. competitive, 215. gradual, 216. branch

217. ex_____ve language *n.* a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration
218. mir_____age reflection *n.* a reflection or exact copy of an object or image, with the right and left sides reversed; something that is a precise or nearly identical copy of something else but with the orientation flipped
219. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
220. ma_____ck behavior *adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious
221. an Arctic exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
222. have a very ple_____le time *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
223. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
224. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
225. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
226. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
227. in_____nt party *n.* a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job

ANSWERS: 217. expletive, 218. mirror-image, 219. saint, 220. maverick, 221. exploration, 222. pleasurable, 223. unlock, 224. suddenly, 225. blind, 226. confer, 227. incumbent

228. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
229. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
230. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
231. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
232. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
233. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
234. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
235. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
236. go up_____rs to rest *adv.* on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
237. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
238. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 228. handle, 229. blind, 230. addition, 231. competitor, 232. inspire, 233. industrious, 234. sacred, 235. convince, 236. upstairs, 237. define, 238. invention

239. f__p a coin	<i>v.</i>	to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
240. ar__e passionately	<i>v.</i>	to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
241. in_____on performance	<i>adv.</i>	taking place with someone physically present together in the same place rather than on the phone, e-mail, or video link:
242. an_____us result	<i>adj.</i>	deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
243. develop a vi___e therapy	<i>adj.</i>	capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
244. vul_____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i>	capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
245. a go_____us meal	<i>adj.</i>	wonderful and attractive
246. di_____ct public opinion	<i>v.</i>	to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
247. f__e away almost completely	<i>v.</i>	to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
248. re__w a contract	<i>v.</i>	to begin or resume something again after an interruption
249. early pi_____rs	<i>n.</i>	inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
250. su_____ed release medication	<i>adj.</i>	lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

ANSWERS: 239. flip, 240. argue, 241. in-person, 242. anomalous, 243. viable, 244. vulnerable, 245. gorgeous, 246. distract, 247. fade, 248. renew, 249. pioneer, 250. sustained

251. around unf_____ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
252. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
253. falling into a r_t *n.* a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
254. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
255. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
256. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
257. become ob_____te *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
258. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
259. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 251. unfamiliar, 252. decision, 253. rut, 254. competitor, 255. inspiration, 256. bet, 257. obsolete, 258. identify, 259. equip

260. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
261. st__e off a conspiracy *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
262. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
263. an irr_____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
264. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
265. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
266. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
267. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 260. fade, 261. stave, 262. automatic, 263. irrelevant, 264. foresee, 265. intuition, 266. stick, 267. overlook

268. qu___t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
269. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
270. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
271. do something irr_____nt *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
272. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
273. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
274. pr_____t a financial crisis *v.* to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else
275. sem_____tor device *n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
276. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
277. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 268. quaint, 269. harness, 270. inevitable, 271. irrelevant, 272. label, 273. brick, 274. preempt, 275. semiconductor, 276. exclude, 277. assume

278. ap____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
279. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
280. standard pr____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
281. in____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
282. au____ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
283. a con____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
284. the con____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
285. pa___t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
286. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
287. barrel st__e *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

ANSWERS: 278. appoint, 279. tread, 280. procedure, 281. inspire, 282. automated, 283. confession, 284. consequence, 285. patent, 286. advocate, 287. stave

288. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
289. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
290. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
291. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
292. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
293. pa____t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
294. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
295. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
296. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
297. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
298. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
299. mo____r joints *n.* a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances

ANSWERS: 288. nod, 289. trait, 290. transport, 291. constantly, 292. slightly, 293. patent, 294. industrious, 295. decision, 296. opportune, 297. fragile, 298. imaginary, 299. mortar

300. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
301. bio_____ce research *n.* a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology
302. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
303. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
304. a ple_____le experience *adj.* giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable
305. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
306. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
307. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasp another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
308. departure lo____e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
309. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
310. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
311. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

ANSWERS: 300. core, 301. bioscience, 302. gradual, 303. renew, 304. pleasurable, 305. inconvenient, 306. exploration, 307. embrace, 308. lounge, 309. nod, 310. kit, 311. dwindle

312. sound very te____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
313. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
314. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
315. imp____al solution *adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome
316. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
317. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
318. ti____r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
319. 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
320. hos____ty industry *n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers
321. commercial le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

ANSWERS: 312. tempting, 313. suppose, 314. propose, 315. impractical, 316. warn,

317. stick, 318. tinker, 319. disrupt, 320. hospitality, 321. lease

322. ti___e approach *n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet
323. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
324. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
325. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
326. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
327. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
328. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
329. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
330. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 322. tiptoe, 323. branch, 324. electron, 325. advantage, 326. embrace, 327. procedure, 328. indicator, 329. essential, 330. chain

331. in_____nt duties *n.* a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job
332. dr____n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
333. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
334. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
335. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
336. a__y hair *adv.* in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss
337. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
338. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
339. qu__t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
340. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 331. incumbent, 332. dragon, 333. saint, 334. propose, 335. inconvenient, 336. awry, 337. doe, 338. announce, 339. quaint, 340. strategy

341. live up____rs

adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building

342. ca____ic in his tastes

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

343. st____h a story

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

344. a pa____e garden

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

ANSWERS: 341. upstairs, 342. Catholic, 343. stretch, 344. palace

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.
 - n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

2. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
 - n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

3. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.
 - v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

4. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
 - v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

5. The company _____ its investments by diversifying its portfolio.
 - v.* to reduce or eliminate the risk involved in something

6. His abusive words made me _____.
 - adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

7. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
 - n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 1. marble, 2. piles, 3. tinkering, 4. appointed, 5. de-risked, 6. uncomfortable, 7. transportation

8. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
9. This bronze sword is a _____ of ancient times.
n. an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
10. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
11. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
12. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
13. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
14. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
15. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
16. The prince fell in love with the _____ and asked her to marry him.
n. the daughter of a monarch; the wife or widow of a prince; woman or girl considered to be particularly good or admirable

ANSWERS: 8. employ, 9. relic, 10. inspired, 11. triggered, 12. alternative, 13. industrious, 14. inevitable, 15. competitors, 16. princess

17. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

18. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

19. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.

- v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something

20. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

21. He moved his body _____ to the left.

- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

22. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

23. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

- v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

24. He was _____ many times with scissors.

- v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

25. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

- adj.* wonderful and attractive

ANSWERS: 17. branch, 18. scenarios, 19. underpin, 20. essential, 21. slightly, 22. string, 23. convince, 24. stabbed, 25. gorgeous

26. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
27. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
28. He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval _____.
- adj. being on a very small scale
29. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
30. The man's _____ was published in the local newspaper.
- n. a notice of someone's death, often appearing in a newspaper or online; a published account of someone's life and achievements after their death
31. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
32. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
33. The university's _____ program offers biology, genetics, and biotechnology courses.
- n. a branch of science that deals with living organisms, including biology, physiology, genetics, ecology, and biotechnology

ANSWERS: 26. uncovered, 27. confer, 28. miniatures, 29. evolved, 30. obituary, 31. label, 32. argue, 33. bioscience

34. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
35. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
36. This remote ____ is rarely visited.
- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
37. The two paintings were _____ of each other.
- n.* a reflection or exact copy of an object or image, with the right and left sides reversed; something that is a precise or nearly identical copy of something else but with the orientation flipped
38. I walked on _____ to avoid waking up my sleeping baby.
- n.* a way of walking quietly and cautiously, with the weight balanced mainly on the balls of the feet and the heels lifted off the ground; a type of shoe or slipper that has a thin sole and is designed for quiet walking; (verb) to walk quietly and carefully, balancing on the tips of one's toes or the balls of one's feet
39. He lost the election by ____ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
40. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
41. 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

ANSWERS: 34. tap, 35. decision, 36. spot, 37. mirror-images, 38. tiptoe, 39. mere, 40. norms, 41. disrupt

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

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

43. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

44. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

45. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

46. She was _____ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

adj. not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

47. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more _____.

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

48. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

49. The plans for the surprise party went _____ when the cake was ruined.

adv. in a wrong or crooked position; out of order; amiss

ANSWERS: 42. operate, 43. exploration, 44. equipped, 45. doll, 46. unfamiliar, 47. viable, 48. sacred, 49. awry

50. He _____ misleads others.

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

51. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

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

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

53. New technology has rendered my old smartphone _____.

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

54. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

55. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

56. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

57. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 50. deliberately, 51. devil, 52. renew, 53. obsolete, 54. huddled, 55. consequences, 56. baseline, 57. contaminate

58. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
59. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
60. I ___ that you know it.
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
61. The researchers are working to create a _____ of genetic material for scientific study.
n. a repository or storage facility for biological samples, such as blood, tissue, or DNA, used for research or medical purposes
62. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
n. a newly established company or business
63. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
64. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
65. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.
adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

ANSWERS: 58. foresee, 59. propose, 60. bet, 61. biobank, 62. start-up, 63. sustained, 64. photograph, 65. automated

66. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
67. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
68. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
69. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.
v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
70. 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
71. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
72. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
73. When she stubbed her toe, she let out an _____ in pain.
n. a curse word or a swear word; a word or phrase used to convey strong emotions, such as anger or frustration

ANSWERS: 66. automatic, 67. transactions, 68. chain, 69. dwindled, 70. confession, 71. advantages, 72. dragons, 73. expletive

74. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

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

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

76. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

77. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

78. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

79. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

80. The company develops and sells _____ memory for use in computers and servers.

n. a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices

81. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

ANSWERS: 74. horrible, 75. indicator, 76. strategy, 77. church, 78. procedure, 79. invention, 80. semiconductor, 81. robust

82. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

83. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

84. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

85. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

86. The imperial _____ is currently undergoing reforms.

n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.

87. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

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

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

89. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 82. competitive, 83. suppose, 84. disappear, 85. lens, 86. palace, 87. tempting, 88. stretch, 89. spontaneous

90. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.
n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
91. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.
adj. suggested but not directly expressed
92. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
93. The company is working to _____ its production process to be more efficient.
v. to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
94. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
95. The bricklayer started on the second course of bricks, laying them in fresh _____.
n. a mixture of cement, sand, and water used for binding building materials together; a heavy, deep bowl used to pound or grind substances
96. We will go to the VIP _____ at the airport till departure.
n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
97. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

ANSWERS: 90. bricks, 91. implicit, 92. intuitions, 93. refine, 94. warn, 95. mortar, 96. lounge, 97. puzzling

98. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
99. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
100. The virtual world is quite different from the _____ world.
adv. taking place with someone physically present together in the same place rather than on the phone, e-mail, or video link:
101. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
102. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
103. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.
adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
104. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
105. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
106. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 98. fragile, 99. shrink, 100. in-person, 101. confidence, 102. unlock, 103. urgent, 104. comfort, 105. define, 106. seize

107. The _____ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

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

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

109. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

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

110. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

111. The company seems stuck in a _____ and needs to try something new.

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

112. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

113. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

114. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 107. execution, 108. stick, 109. pioneer, 110. suddenly, 111. rut, 112. native, 113. playground, 114. ridiculous

115. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

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

116. Our marital life was full of happiness and _____ excitement.

adj. giving satisfaction or pleasure; enjoyable

117. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

118. The _____ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

119. They removed _____ content from the slides.

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

120. The _____ president is seeking re-election for another term in office.

n. a person who currently holds a particular position or job, especially in politics or public office; a duty or obligation that is required as part of a particular role or job

121. I bought a new tool ____ for my home repair projects.

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

122. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

123. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

ANSWERS: 115. handle, 116. pleasurable, 117. excludes, 118. quaint, 119. irrelevant, 120. incumbent, 121. kit, 122. biology, 123. naturally

124. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
125. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.
v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
126. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
127. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.
n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
128. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
129. The data from the study was _____ and unexpected.
adj. deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
130. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
131. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
132. The government _____ the release of sensitive information.
v. to act in advance to prevent something or to replace it with something else

ANSWERS: 124. identify, 125. fade, 126. catholic, 127. saint's, 128. electron, 129. anomalous, 130. addition, 131. vulnerable, 132. preempted

133. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.

- v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

134. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

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

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

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

136. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

137. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

138. It is _____ to expect everyone to work for free.

- adj.* not sensible or useful for practical purposes; not likely to be effective in achieving an intended outcome

139. The _____ artist refused to follow traditional painting styles and created his unique art.

- adj.* characterized by independence or nonconformity; unconventional, idiosyncratic, or rebellious

140. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 133. accelerate, 134. distract, 135. doe, 136. announced, 137. overlook, 138. impractical, 139. maverick, 140. decide

141. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

- v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

142. The hotel is known for its exceptional _____.

- n.* the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers

143. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

144. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

145. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

146. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.

- n.* the state of being certain

147. Many people cling to the _____ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

- n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

148. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.

- adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom

ANSWERS: 141. seduce, 142. hospitality, 143. inspiration, 144. cores, 145. motivate, 146. certainty, 147. fallacy, 148. taboo

149. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

150. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

v. to step or walk on something

151. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

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

152. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

153. We _____ taking media training every six months.

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

154. It was _____ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

155. The woods _____ the house.

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

156. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 149. blind, 150. treads, 151. digital, 152. technique, 153. recommend, 154. inconvenient, 155. embrace, 156. nodded

157. They used iron _____ to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.
- n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
158. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
- adv.* all the time
159. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
- n.* a particular feature of your nature
160. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
161. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
162. I'm unsure about the effectiveness of this _____ medication.
- adj.* not tested, proven, or experienced; lacking in experience or expertise; not yet attempted or put to use
163. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
- adj.* existing only in someone's mind
164. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
- v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 157. staves, 158. constantly, 159. traits, 160. opportune, 161. Advocates, 162. untried, 163. imaginary, 164. harness

165. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
166. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
167. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
168. I heard a noise _____.
adv. on or to an upper or highest floor of a building
169. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
170. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.
n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
171. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.
n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
172. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 165. flipped, 166. gradual, 167. assumes, 168. upstairs, 169. reimagine, 170. patent, 171. lease, 172. judge

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