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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### optimism

*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

*synonym*: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

### plague

*n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

*synonym*: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

### rev

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

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym*: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## divide

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

*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## struggle

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

*synonym*: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## 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**.

## vaccine

*n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

*synonym*: vaccinum

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

## landing

- n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

*synonym*: touchdown, arrival, descent

(1) **landing** gear, (2) emergency **landing**

The plane made a rough **landing**, and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

## innovation

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

*synonym*: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

## wealth

- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

*synonym*: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## suffer

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## backdrop

- n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

*synonym*: background, setting, context

(1) **backdrop** of poverty, (2) perfect **backdrop**

The lush green forest provided a picturesque **backdrop** for the photo shoot.

## discuss

*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

*synonym*: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

## pager

*n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings

*synonym*: beeper, pager device

(1) **pager** beep, (2) wireless **pager** service

The company provides all employees with a digital **pager** for emergency purposes.

## 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**.

## backward

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

*synonym*: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

## naive

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

*synonym*: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

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

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

## replace

*v.* to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

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

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

## up-to-date

*adj.* reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern

*synonym*: modern, current, contemporary

(1) **up-to-date** technology, (2) **up-to-date** information

My computer software is **up-to-date** with the latest version.

## cognitive

*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

*synonym*: perceivable, mind, mental

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

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

## cynicism

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

*synonym*: distrust, skepticism, pessimism

(1) **cynicism** towards politics, (2) intellectual **cynicism**

His constant **cynicism** made it difficult for him to connect with others.

## greedy

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

*synonym*: avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

## dishonest

*adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest

*synonym*: fraudulent, deceitful, untrustworthy

(1) **dishonest** politicians, (2) promote **dishonest** behavior

Often in drama, **dishonest** personalities gain popularity.

## epidemic

*n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

*synonym*: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

## **infect**

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

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

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

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

## **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?

## **immune**

*adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

*synonym*: resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

## **psychology**

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

## **neuroscience**

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

**lab** *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory  
*synonym*: workshop, laboratory, research chamber  
(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**  
The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

**brain** *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling  
*synonym*: intellect, mind, encephalon  
(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage  
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

**calm** *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves  
*synonym*: quiet, peaceful, tranquility  
(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner  
It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

**punch** *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something  
*synonym*: hit, strike, slap  
(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket  
He **punched** the wall in anger.

**evangelical** *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church  
*synonym*: proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary  
(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group  
The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

**doomscrolling** *n.* the act of compulsively scrolling through negative news and events on the internet, often leading to feelings of anxiety or despair

(1) can't stop **doomscrolling**, (2) **doomscrolling** habit  
She was caught in a **doomscrolling** loop, scrolling through negative news for hours.

## peddle

*v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

*synonym*: sell, promote, advertise

(1) **peddle** influence, (2) **peddle** drugs

The street vendor **peddled** his wares to passing tourists.

## fraud

*n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

*synonym*: trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

## salesperson

*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

*synonym*: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

## upgrade

*v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

*synonym*: improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

## trap

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

*synonym*: catch, snare, pinfall

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

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



## separate

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

*synonym* : disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

## 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.

## fishery

*n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

*synonym* : fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

## strike

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

*synonym* : hit, impact, influence

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

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

## compete

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

*synonym* : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

## experiment

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym* : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## **coop**

*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

*synonym* : birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

## **mistrust**

*v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

*synonym* : doubt, suspect, question

(1) **mistrust** a young man, (2) **mistrust** the government

He **mistrusted** her apology because of her past lies.

## **crazy**

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

## **folk**

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

*synonym* : community, family, person

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

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

## **clay**

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

*synonym* : ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

## **cynical**

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

*synonym* : skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

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

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

## historic

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

*synonym*: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

## proportion

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

*synonym*: ratio, balance, consonance

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

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

## inequality

*n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;  
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

*synonym*: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

## soar

*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

*synonym*: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

## injustice

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

*synonym*: unfairness, bias, discrimination

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

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

### self-interest

*n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

*synonym*: selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

### pump

*v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

*synonym*: drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

### disaster

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

*synonym*: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

### tip

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

*synonym*: edge, advice, gratuity

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

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

### permafrost

*n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions

(1) **permafrost** area, (2) thawing **permafrost**  
**Permafrost** is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym*: exact, precise, proper

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

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

## observation

*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

*synonym*: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

## cartoon

*n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

*synonym*: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

## philosophy

*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

*synonym*: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## intelligence

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

*synonym*: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

## detect

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

*synonym*:

catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders  
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

## negotiation

*n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

*synonym*: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

## 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.

## conduct

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

*synonym*: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

## mock

*v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

*synonym*: gibe (or jibe), make fun of, laugh at

(1) **mock** his accent, (2) **mock** at his misfortune

It is impolite to **mock** fun of an international student's English mistakes.

## candid

*adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

*synonym*: honest, frank, straightforward

(1) **candid** conversation, (2) in my **candid** opinion

The **candid** photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

## 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.

## fulfill

- v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

*synonym*: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

## refuse

- v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

*synonym*: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

## intimacy

- n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

*synonym*: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

## cooperation

- n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

*synonym*: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

## spy

- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

*synonym* : agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

## colleague

- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

*synonym* : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

## suspect

- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym* : assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## unsurprising

- adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

*synonym* : predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

## react

- v.* to take action in response to something

*synonym* : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

## mist

- n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

*synonym* : fog, murk, haze

(1) **mist** in the morning, (2) fine **mist**



The sun has risen, and the **mist** has faded.

## villain

*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

*synonym*: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

## explore

*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

*synonym*: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

## zero-sum

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

*synonym*: equivalent, balanced, even-handed

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

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

## generous

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

*synonym*: charitable, benevolent, giving

(1) a **generous** reward, (2) a **generous** and thoughtful person

This teacher is **generous** in his grading.

## illusion

*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

*synonym* : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

## hoard

*v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;  
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

*synonym* : stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

## well-being

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

*synonym* : health, welfare, happiness

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

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

## ingredient

*n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

*synonym* : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

## democracy

*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

*synonym* : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## empathy

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

*synonym* : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

**Empathy** is also necessary to understand history.

## cotton

*n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

## gunfight

*n.* a violent exchange of gunfire between two or more individuals or groups; often depicted in movies and media as part of the action or crime scenes

*synonym*: shootout, firefight, gunplay

(1) deadly **gunfight**, (2) intense **gunfight** exchange

The police were in a **gunfight** with the robbers attempting to rob the bank.

## cooperate

*v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

*synonym*: collaborate, team up, work together

(1) **cooperate** with one another, (2) **cooperate** closely in various ways

The team had to **cooperate** to complete the project on time.

## dot

*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

*synonym*: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

## ideology

*n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

*synonym*: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

## liberal

*adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

*synonym*: broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

## nonetheless

*adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

*synonym*: nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

## nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

## ideological

*adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

*synonym*: theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

## diverse

*adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

*synonym*: manifold, various, myriad

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

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

## 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.

## critic

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

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## 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.

## suspicion

*n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

*synonym*: doubt, misgiving, skepticism

(1) **suspicion** of fraud, (2) cast **suspicion**

There was an almost certain **suspicion** that the company was involved in illegal activities.

## politician

*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

*synonym*: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

## faith

*n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

*synonym*: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

## dam

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

*synonym*: barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

## voter

*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

*synonym*: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results

because of **voter** fraud.

## judgment

*n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

*synonym*: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**  
Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

## 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.

## poisonous

*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

*synonym*: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

## relation

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

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

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

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

## malware

*n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

*synonym*: virus, malicious software, spyware

(1) **malware** attack, (2) prevent **malware**

My computer was infected with **malware**, and it caused many problems.

## Don

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

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

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

## charity

*n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

*synonym*: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym*: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym*: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## essay

*n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study

*synonym*: paper, commentary, report

(1) score the SAT **essays**, (2) thoughtful **essay**

The Chief editor checks all **essays** for plagiarism with software.

## paraphrase

*v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

*synonym*: rephrase, reword, reinterpret

(1) **paraphrase** a poem into prose, (2) **paraphrase** the meaning

He **paraphrased** the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

## argument

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

*synonym*: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

## disagree

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

*synonym*: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

## snip

*v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice

*synonym*: clip, trim, cut

(1) **snip** a lock of hair, (2) **snip** the wire

I must **snip** the loose thread on my shirt before it becomes a bigger problem.

## blunt

*adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

*synonym*: dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

## strict

*adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

*synonym*: rigorous, inflexible, relentless



(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy  
Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

## outdated

*adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned  
*synonym*: obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology  
We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

## macho

*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

*synonym*: masculine, aggressive, virile

(1) **macho** culture, (2) maintain a **macho** image  
His **macho** posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

## recreate

*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

*synonym*: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

## accident

*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

*synonym*: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**  
The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

## strength

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

*synonym*: resilience, power, muscles

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

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

## opponent

*n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

*synonym*: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

## common-sense

*n.* practical intelligence and judgment that is typically developed through experience and not necessarily through formal education

*synonym*: practicality, sound judgment, horse sense

(1) **common-sense** approach, (2) social **common-sense**

It's just **common-sense** to check the oil level in your car regularly.

## regulation

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

*synonym*: constraint, restriction, rule

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

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

## implement

*v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

*synonym*: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

## tackle

*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

*synonym*: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

## violent

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

*synonym*: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

## 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.

## committed

*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

*synonym*: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

## murder

*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

*synonym*: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

## racism

*n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

*synonym*: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

## supremacy

*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

*synonym*: dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country  
The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

### optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future  
*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**  
She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

### persuasive

*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing  
*synonym*: convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker  
He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

### 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 nebulae are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

### toxic

*adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous  
*synonym*: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals  
This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

### skeptical

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful  
*synonym*: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists  
His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

### envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future  
*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

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

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## union

*n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

*synonym*: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

## communal

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

*synonym*: collaborative, combined, collective

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

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## solidarity

*n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

*synonym*: unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

## mutual

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

*synonym*: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

## aid

*n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

*synonym*: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

## 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**.

## quicksand

*n.* a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them

*synonym*: sinkhole, bog, mire

(1) escaping from **quicksand**, (2) sink in **quicksand**

During my hiking trip, I got stuck in **quicksand** and had to be rescued.

## grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym*: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## solid

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

*synonym*: stable, reliable, hard

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

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

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. low-r_v engine                 | <i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute |
| 2. prevent ma_____e               | <i>n.</i> a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network   |
| 3. the branch of neu_____nce      | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system   |
| 4. series of exp_____nts          | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge  |
| 5. co_____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use   |
| 6. collaborate with co_____ues    | <i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business  |
| 7. on terms of in_____cy          | <i>n.</i> close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person                                  |
| 8. holy re__cs                    | <i>n.</i> an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value   |
| 9. st_____th of the economy       | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong   |
| 10. co_____te with one another    | <i>v.</i> to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal   |

ANSWERS: 1. rev, 2. malware, 3. neuroscience, 4. experiment, 5. communal, 6. colleague, 7. intimacy, 8. relic, 9. strength, 10. cooperate

11. cause an ac____nt	<i>n.</i> an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
12. country-by-country a_d programs	<i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
13. d_m collapsing	<i>n.</i> a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
14. to__c molecule	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
15. a worldwide ep____ic	<i>n.</i> the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
16. unaffected by sel_____est	<i>n.</i> the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
17. mu___r in the second degree	<i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally
18. mi_____re version	<i>adj.</i> being on a very small scale
19. up_____e work performance	<i>v.</i> to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
20. an oral va_____e	<i>n.</i> a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
21. d_m-building program	<i>n.</i> a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

ANSWERS: 11. accident, 12. aid, 13. dam, 14. toxic, 15. epidemic, 16. self-interest, 17. murder, 18. miniature, 19. upgrade, 20. vaccine, 21. dam



22. gross in_____ce	<i>n.</i> a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
23. em_____y for patients	<i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
24. st___e up a conversation	<i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
25. fu_____l a contract	<i>v.</i> to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
26. authoritarian vi_____n	<i>n.</i> a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
27. computer op_____nt	<i>n.</i> a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
28. the il_____on of being in the forest	<i>n.</i> a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
29. an int_____nce test	<i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
30. se_____te video into chapter	<i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
31. ou_____ed technology	<i>adj.</i> no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
32. the d_n of the university	<i>n.</i> a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
33. research on anti-ra___m	<i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 22. injustice, 23. empathy, 24. strike, 25. fulfill, 26. villain, 27. opponent, 28. illusion, 29. intelligence, 30. separate, 31. outdated, 32. Don, 33. racism

34. in_____ce system	<i>n.</i> a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
35. a blazing ar_____nt	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
36. evil vi_____n	<i>n.</i> a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
37. the id_____gy of the left	<i>n.</i> a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
38. pe____e influence	<i>v.</i> to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
39. co_____e against a friend	<i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
40. majority of his we____h	<i>n.</i> a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
41. emergency la_____g	<i>n.</i> the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest
42. cast su_____on	<i>n.</i> the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
43. perfect ba_____op	<i>n.</i> a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

ANSWERS: 34. injustice, 35. argument, 36. villain, 37. ideology, 38. peddle, 39. compete, 40. wealth, 41. landing, 42. suspicion, 43. backdrop

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| 44. po_____us plants                 | <i>adj.</i> containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction            |
| 45. ca___d conversation              | <i>adj.</i> honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions  |
| 46. a drapery sal_____on             | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers  |
| 47. up-_____te information           | <i>adj.</i> reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern  |
| 48. s__p a lock of hair              | <i>v.</i> to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice  |
| 49. im___e from criminal prosecution | <i>adj.</i> protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells  |
| 50. exp_____nt design                | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge  |
| 51. m__k his accent                  | <i>v.</i> to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way  |
| 52. ind_____us worker                | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort   |
| 53. systemic ra___m                  | <i>n.</i> prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized |

ANSWERS: 44. poisonous, 45. candid, 46. salesperson, 47. up-to-date, 48. snip, 49. immune, 50. experiment, 51. mock, 52. industrious, 53. racism

54. re____e a phone	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
55. beauty s__t	<i>n.</i> a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
56. com_____nse approach	<i>n.</i> practical intelligence and judgment that is typically developed through experience and not necessarily through formal education
57. the ar____nt against capital punishment	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
58. per_____ve advertising	<i>adj.</i> tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
59. promote di_____st behavior	<i>adj.</i> capable of being corrupted, not honest
60. ma__o culture	<i>adj.</i> characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
61. escaping from qu_____nd	<i>n.</i> a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them
62. di_____ee with a plan	<i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
63. medical l_b	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 54. replace, 55. spot, 56. common-sense, 57. argument, 58. persuasive, 59. dishonest, 60. macho, 61. quicksand, 62. disagree, 63. lab

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| 64. ba____op of poverty             | <i>n.</i> a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance   |
| 65. st____le against discrimination | <i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction  |
| 66. aggressive in____ct             | <i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true   |
| 67. a ge____us reward               | <i>adj.</i> willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected  |
| 68. s_y cameras                     | <i>n.</i> a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization |
| 69. ex____e our options             | <i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it   |
| 70. severe cr____c                  | <i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.  |
| 71. connecting the d_ts             | <i>n.</i> a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed  |
| 72. give the waiter a t_p.          | <i>n.</i> the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services  |

ANSWERS: 64. backdrop, 65. struggle, 66. instinct, 67. generous, 68. spy, 69. explore, 70. critic, 71. dot, 72. tip

73. maintain a ma__o image	<i>adj.</i> characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive
74. r_v up the crowd	<i>n.</i> a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
75. po_____us chemicals	<i>adj.</i> containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
76. di_____ee about a particular issue	<i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
77. intense gu_____ht exchange	<i>n.</i> a violent exchange of gunfire between two or more individuals or groups; often depicted in movies and media as part of the action or crime scenes
78. the wel_____ng of a nation	<i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
79. so__d employment measures	<i>adj.</i> hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
80. research on co_____ve psychology	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
81. a craft un__n	<i>n.</i> a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 73. macho, 74. rev, 75. poisonous, 76. disagree, 77. gunfight, 78. well-being, 79. solid, 80. cognitive, 81. union

82. the cell of the im___e system	<i>adj.</i> protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
83. share of a mu___l fund	<i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties
84. a sal_____on in a store	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
85. deliver a ju_____nt	<i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
86. become ob_____te	<i>adj.</i> no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
87. ho_____le accident	<i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
88. ma_____e attack	<i>n.</i> a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
89. injury in a car ac_____nt	<i>n.</i> an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
90. ask ch_____y	<i>n.</i> an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
91. de_____cy advocate	<i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
92. an eligible vo___r	<i>n.</i> a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

ANSWERS: 82. immune, 83. mutual, 84. salesperson, 85. judgment, 86. obsolete, 87. horrible, 88. malware, 89. accident, 90. charity, 91. democracy, 92. voter

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| 93. di____er recovery      | <i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life  |
| 94. co____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use   |
| 95. a ra____m choice       | <i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern   |
| 96. love him non_____ss    | <i>adv.</i> in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless   |
| 97. can't stop doo_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act of compulsively scrolling through negative news and events on the internet, often leading to feelings of anxiety or despair       |
| 98. d_t blot method        | <i>n.</i> a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed  |
| 99. plutonium ho__d        | <i>v.</i> to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use |
| 100. an ob____te word      | <i>adj.</i> no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced  |
| 101. ta____e the issue     | <i>v.</i> to try to deal with a complex problem or situation  |
| 102. build in____cy        | <i>n.</i> close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person          |

ANSWERS: 93. disaster, 94. communal, 95. random, 96. nonetheless, 97. doomscrolling, 98. dot, 99. hoard, 100. obsolete, 101. tackle, 102. intimacy



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| 103. co____e fiercely           | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something  |
| 104. ch____y work               | <i>n.</i> an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people  |
| 105. eva_____al Christian group | <i>adj.</i> relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church   |
| 106. help ta___e climate change | <i>v.</i> to try to deal with a complex problem or situation   |
| 107. sink in qu_____nd          | <i>n.</i> a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them |
| 108. sol_____ty action          | <i>n.</i> unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest   |
| 109. class obs_____on day       | <i>n.</i> the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone  |
| 110. victim of fr__d            | <i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses   |
| 111. full of em____y            | <i>n.</i> the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation   |

ANSWERS: 103. compete, 104. charity, 105. evangelical, 106. tackle, 107. quicksand, 108. solidarity, 109. observation, 110. fraud, 111. empathy

112. intellectual cy____sm	<i>n.</i> a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
113. ba____rd angle	<i>adv.</i> at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
114. fire st__k	<i>v.</i> 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
115. fa__h in government	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
116. fly the c__p	<i>v.</i> a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
117. di____s options	<i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
118. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss	<i>v.</i> 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
119. ide______al differences	<i>adj.</i> relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
120. set a t__p	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 112. cynicism, 113. backward, 114. stick, 115. faith, 116. coop, 117. discuss, 118. assume, 119. ideological, 120. trap

121. death-penalty op____nt	<i>n.</i> a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
122. so__d ally	<i>adj.</i> hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
123. ze____um economics	<i>adj.</i> referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
124. pa__r beep	<i>n.</i> a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
125. c__e business activity	<i>n.</i> the most essential or fundamental part of something
126. deadly gu____ht	<i>n.</i> a violent exchange of gunfire between two or more individuals or groups; often depicted in movies and media as part of the action or crime scenes
127. ide____al divide	<i>adj.</i> relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
128. sk____al scientists	<i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful
129. di____e backgrounds	<i>adj.</i> including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
130. vo__r apathy	<i>n.</i> a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
131. get money by fr__d	<i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 121. opponent, 122. solid, 123. zero-sum, 124. pager, 125. core, 126. gunfight, 127. ideological, 128. skeptical, 129. diverse, 130. voter, 131. fraud

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| 132. soft c__y ground        | <i>n.</i> a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics                       |
| 133. di____s solutions       | <i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic                               |
| 134. bl__t force             | <i>adj.</i> having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive                          |
| 135. ex____e the world       | <i>v.</i> to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it                          |
| 136. commercial fi____y      | <i>n.</i> an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish   |
| 137. st____le to get the job | <i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction |
| 138. co____t research        | <i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity  |
| 139. di___e money equally    | <i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups  |
| 140. algebraic ine____ty     | <i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different |

ANSWERS: 132. clay, 133. discuss, 134. blunt, 135. explore, 136. fishery, 137. struggle, 138. conduct, 139. divide, 140. inequality

141. attempted mu___r	<i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally
142. per_____st area	<i>n.</i> a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
143. phi_____hy of education	<i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
144. op_____st by nature	<i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
145. c__m sea	<i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
146. a theoretical concept in neu_____nce	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
147. de___t a bad event	<i>v.</i> to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
148. de___t smuggling across borders	<i>v.</i> to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
149. sol_____ty among union members	<i>n.</i> unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
150. the f__k songs of a particular district	<i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
151. mi_____st the government	<i>v.</i> to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

ANSWERS: 141. murder, 142. permafrost, 143. philosophy, 144. optimist, 145. calm, 146. neuroscience, 147. detect, 148. detect, 149. solidarity, 150. folk, 151. mistrust

152. ca____n industry	<i>n.</i> a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
153. su____r bad grades	<i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
154. exposure to to__c chemicals	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
155. cr__y about cars and racing	<i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry
156. na__e belief	<i>adj.</i> showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
157. mu____l efforts	<i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties
158. a company reg_____on	<i>n.</i> an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
159. religious fa__h	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
160. fine m__t	<i>n.</i> a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
161. hi____ic accomplishment	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
162. bombs fell at ra____m	<i>adj.</i> made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 152. cartoon, 153. suffer, 154. toxic, 155. crazy, 156. naive, 157. mutual, 158. regulation, 159. faith, 160. mist, 161. historic, 162. random

163. mi_____re camera	<i>adj.</i> being on a very small scale
164. a ge_____us and thoughtful person	<i>adj.</i> willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
165. se_____te cream from milk	<i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
166. s__r in popularity	<i>v.</i> to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
167. eva_____al mission	<i>adj.</i> relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
168. gr____y for money	<i>adj.</i> having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
169. re_____te a single country	<i>v.</i> to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
170. co_____t a background check	<i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity
171. a building of vast pro_____ons	<i>n.</i> a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
172. co_____te closely in various ways	<i>v.</i> to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
173. in a co_____ed relationship	<i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 163. miniature, 164. generous, 165. separate, 166. soar, 167. evangelical, 168. greedy, 169. recreate, 170. conduct, 171. proportion, 172. cooperate, 173. committed

174. pe___e drugs	<i>v.</i> to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
175. neg_____on skills	<i>n.</i> the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
176. m__t in the morning	<i>n.</i> a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
177. a few years af_____rd	<i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned
178. re___e a request	<i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
179. under li____l conditions	<i>adj.</i> willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
180. p__p a secret out of success	<i>v.</i> to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
181. improve co_____ve function	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
182. inn_____on leader	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
183. f__k art	<i>n.</i> people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
184. up_____e a product	<i>v.</i> to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

ANSWERS: 174. peddle, 175. negotiation, 176. mist, 177. afterward, 178. refuse, 179. liberal, 180. pump, 181. cognitive, 182. innovation, 183. folk, 184. upgrade



185. pu__h a ticket	<i>v.</i>	to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
186. an emotional ju____nt	<i>n.</i>	the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
187. the c__e of an apple	<i>n.</i>	the most essential or fundamental part of something
188. su____t a plot	<i>v.</i>	to consider anything to be actual or probable
189. su____e beforehand	<i>v.</i>	to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
190. su____t that he is sick	<i>v.</i>	to consider anything to be actual or probable
191. st___e a blow	<i>v.</i>	to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
192. su____cy of a country	<i>n.</i>	the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
193. g__b an audience	<i>v.</i>	to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
194. re____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i>	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
195. compound the ing____nts	<i>n.</i>	one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
196. a race for su____cy	<i>n.</i>	the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 185. punch, 186. judgment, 187. core, 188. suspect, 189. suppose, 190. suspect, 191. strike, 192. supremacy, 193. grab, 194. relation, 195. ingredient, 196. supremacy

197. field of artificial int_____nce	<i>n.</i> the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
198. social com_____nse	<i>n.</i> practical intelligence and judgment that is typically developed through experience and not necessarily through formal education
199. political op_____sm	<i>n.</i> a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
200. im_____nt a corporate strategy	<i>v.</i> to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
201. bl__t criticism	<i>adj.</i> having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
202. cy_____l worldview	<i>adj.</i> believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
203. a corrupt pol_____an	<i>n.</i> a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
204. uns_____ing result	<i>adj.</i> not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
205. strong and co_____ed sales staff	<i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 197. intelligence, 198. common-sense, 199. optimism, 200. implement, 201. blunt, 202. cynical, 203. politician, 204. unsurprising, 205. committed

206. in___t a computer with a virus	<i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
207. thawing per_____st	<i>n.</i> a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
208. thoughtful es__y	<i>n.</i> a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
209. fu_____l a lifetime dream	<i>v.</i> to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
210. ze_____um mentality	<i>adj.</i> referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
211. na__e mistake	<i>adj.</i> showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
212. di_____st politicians	<i>adj.</i> capable of being corrupted, not honest
213. ho__d my possessions	<i>v.</i> to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
214. health ep_____ic	<i>n.</i> the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
215. in my ca___d opinion	<i>adj.</i> honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions
216. the t_p of a paintbrush	<i>n.</i> the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 206. infect, 207. permafrost, 208. essay, 209. fulfill, 210. zero-sum, 211. naive, 212. dishonest, 213. hoard, 214. epidemic, 215. candid, 216. tip

217. in____ct for self-preservation	<i>n.</i> an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
218. su____e you're right	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
219. pu__h out numbers	<i>v.</i> to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
220. become ou____ed	<i>adj.</i> no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
221. financial a_d	<i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
222. development of va____es	<i>n.</i> a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
223. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
224. victim of a vi____t crime	<i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
225. doo_____ing habit	<i>n.</i> the act of compulsively scrolling through negative news and events on the internet, often leading to feelings of anxiety or despair
226. wireless pa__r service	<i>n.</i> a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings

ANSWERS: 217. instinct, 218. suppose, 219. punch, 220. outdated, 221. aid, 222. vaccine, 223. decide, 224. violent, 225. doomscrolling, 226. pager

227. historical re__c	<i>n.</i> an object from a previous era, especially one of historical value
228. st__k a key in a lock	<i>v.</i> 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
229. c__m manner	<i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
230. in___t other animal species	<i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
231. cy_____l remarks	<i>adj.</i> believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
232. material we___h	<i>n.</i> a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
233. a sense of wel_____ng	<i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
234. in st___t secrecy	<i>adj.</i> strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
235. psy_____gy of crowd	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
236. mi_____st a young man	<i>v.</i> to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone
237. permanent br__n damage	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 227. relic, 228. stick, 229. calm, 230. infect, 231. cynical, 232. wealth, 233. well-being, 234. strict, 235. psychology, 236. mistrust, 237. brain

238. re____te the feeling of the 1920s	<i>v.</i>	to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
239. act as a pi____r	<i>n.</i>	inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
240. par____se a poem into prose	<i>v.</i>	to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
241. im____nt security measures	<i>v.</i>	to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
242. eq__p our children with some special skills	<i>v.</i>	to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
243. re__t against his way of thinking	<i>v.</i>	to take action in response to something
244. su____r a setback	<i>v.</i>	to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
245. excessive op____st	<i>n.</i>	a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
246. eq__p an army	<i>v.</i>	to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
247. sense of op____sm	<i>n.</i>	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
248. cutting-edge inn____on	<i>n.</i>	the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 238. recreate, 239. pioneer, 240. paraphrase, 241. implement, 242. equip, 243. react, 244. suffer, 245. optimist, 246. equip, 247. optimism, 248. innovation

249. di___e the cake into two pieces	<i>v.</i>	to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
250. principles of de_____cy	<i>n.</i>	a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
251. re__t at a high temperature	<i>v.</i>	to take action in response to something
252. su_____on of fraud	<i>n.</i>	the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
253. re_____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i>	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
254. culture of co___n	<i>n.</i>	a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
255. former co_____ue	<i>n.</i>	one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
256. a cr__y scheme	<i>adj.</i>	stupid or not sensible; very angry
257. political id_____gy	<i>n.</i>	a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
258. catch the pl___e	<i>n.</i>	any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
259. vi_____t incident	<i>adj.</i>	involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 249. divide, 250. democracy, 251. react, 252. suspicion, 253. relation, 254. cotton, 255. colleague, 256. crazy, 257. ideology, 258. plague, 259. violent

260. obs_____on instrument	<i>n.</i> the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
261. up-_____te technology	<i>adj.</i> reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern
262. s__p the wire	<i>v.</i> to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice
263. uns_____ing success	<i>adj.</i> not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
264. optical il_____on	<i>n.</i> a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
265. we are non_____ss confident	<i>adv.</i> in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
266. walk ba_____rd	<i>adv.</i> at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
267. st___t compliance regime	<i>adj.</i> strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
268. en_____on the project's success	<i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
269. digital s_y tools	<i>n.</i> a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
270. ca_____n character	<i>n.</i> a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

ANSWERS: 260. observation, 261. up-to-date, 262. snip, 263. unsurprising, 264. illusion, 265. nonetheless, 266. backward, 267. strict, 268. envision, 269. spy, 270. cartoon



271. early pi____rs	<i>n.</i> inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
272. co____n cloth	<i>n.</i> a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
273. re____e one word with another	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
274. a pol____an in the ruling party	<i>n.</i> a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
275. score the SAT es__ys	<i>n.</i> a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
276. global di____er	<i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
277. provide ac____te information	<i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details
278. la____g gear	<i>n.</i> the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest
279. fi____y management	<i>n.</i> an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
280. m__k at his misfortune	<i>v.</i> to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

ANSWERS: 271. pioneer, 272. cotton, 273. replace, 274. politician, 275. essay, 276. disaster, 277. accurate, 278. landing, 279. fishery, 280. mock

281. a sk_____al attitude	<i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful
282. a s__t on his honor	<i>n.</i> a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
283. material sel_____est	<i>n.</i> the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
284. reg_____on by the government	<i>n.</i> an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
285. achieve the hi_____ic feat	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
286. basic br__n function	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
287. c__y animation	<i>n.</i> a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
288. a li_____l arts college	<i>adj.</i> willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
289. thoroughgoing coo_____on	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
290. deadly pl___e	<i>n.</i> any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 281. skeptical, 282. spot, 283. self-interest, 284. regulation, 285. historic, 286. brain, 287. clay, 288. liberal, 289. cooperation, 290. plague

291. coo_____on with strategic partners	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
292. bank and credit un__ns	<i>n.</i> a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
293. muscular st____th	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
294. as___e an important role	<i>v.</i> 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
295. per_____ve speaker	<i>adj.</i> tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
296. a person of di_____e talents	<i>adj.</i> including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
297. secret ing_____nts	<i>n.</i> one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
298. ho_____le smell	<i>adj.</i> extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
299. gr___y person	<i>adj.</i> having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
300. go there af_____rd	<i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned
301. t__p an animal	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 291. cooperation, 292. union, 293. strength, 294. assume, 295. persuasive, 296. diverse, 297. ingredient, 298. horrible, 299. greedy, 300. afterward, 301. trap

302. art cr___c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
303. l_b instrument	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
304. p__p blood throughout the body	<i>v.</i> to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
305. g__b an opportunity	<i>v.</i> to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
306. par_____se the meaning	<i>v.</i> to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning
307. ac_____te measurements	<i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details
308. direct pro_____on	<i>n.</i> a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
309. s__r to new heights	<i>v.</i> to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
310. neg_____on process	<i>n.</i> the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
311. cy_____sm towards politics	<i>n.</i> a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
312. en_____on the future	<i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 302. critic, 303. lab, 304. pump, 305. grab, 306. paraphrase, 307. accurate, 308. proportion, 309. soar, 310. negotiation, 311. cynicism, 312. envision

313. ine_____ty in salary	<i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
314. de___e on a course of action	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
315. re___e the company	<i>v.</i> to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
316. chicken c___p	<i>v.</i> a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
317. psy_____gy experiment	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
318. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
319. western phi_____hy	<i>n.</i> the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
320. D_n Giovanni	<i>n.</i> a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

ANSWERS: 313. inequality, 314. decide, 315. refuse, 316. coop, 317. psychology, 318. industrious, 319. philosophy, 320. Don

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The majority of the people on the island are \_\_\_\_\_ folk.  
*n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
2. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
3. The experience was \_\_\_\_\_ and left a lasting impression.  
*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
4. Pakistan's \_\_\_\_ budget was still being reviewed.  
*n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
5. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
6. Some species of \_\_\_\_\_ can be deadly to humans if bitten.  
*adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
7. My computer was infected with \_\_\_\_\_ and it caused many problems.  
*n.* a type of software designed to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
8. The empire's military power ensured its \_\_\_\_\_ over the neighboring states.  
*n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

ANSWERS: 1. fishery, 2. skeptical, 3. horrible, 4. aid, 5. immune, 6. poisonous snakes, 7. malware, 8. supremacy

9. He received the title of the best \_\_\_\_\_ in all our branches worldwide.  
*n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
10. He was alert and could not \_\_\_\_\_ any critical information out of him.  
*v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
11. The management must \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to increase office security.  
*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
12. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.  
*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
13. He is more concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.  
*n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
14. The Chief editor checks all \_\_\_\_\_ for plagiarism with software.  
*n.* a short piece of writing on a particular topic, usually written by a student as a part of a course of study
15. He was very \_\_\_\_\_ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.  
*adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
16. He \_\_\_\_\_ her apology because of her past lies.  
*v.* to have doubts or suspicions about the honesty or sincerity of someone

ANSWERS: 9. salesperson, 10. pump, 11. explore, 12. experiments, 13. proportion, 14. essays, 15. cynical, 16. mistrusted

17. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink \_\_\_\_\_ on a white surface.

*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

18. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

19. I must \_\_\_\_\_ the loose thread on my shirt before it becomes a bigger problem.

*v.* to trim or cut something, especially with scissors or shears; to remove a small part or piece from something with a quick cut or slice

20. The sun has risen, and the \_\_\_\_\_ has faded.

*n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

21. It's an excellent opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ our networking.

*v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

22. It is impolite to \_\_\_\_\_ fun of an international student's English mistakes.

*v.* to make fun of someone, usually by imitating them in a witty but harsh way

23. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.

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

24. He spent his afternoon watching \_\_\_\_\_ movies on TV.

*n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

25. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

ANSWERS: 17. dots, 18. suspected, 19. snip, 20. mist, 21. upgrade, 22. mock, 23. Communal, 24. cartoon, 25. argument



26. The street vendor \_\_\_\_\_ his wares to passing tourists.
- v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
27. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.
- v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
28. The government recruited a \_\_\_\_ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
29. Her \_\_\_\_\_ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
30. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
- n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
32. It's just \_\_\_\_\_ to check the oil level in your car regularly.
- n. practical intelligence and judgment that is typically developed through experience and not necessarily through formal education
33. The police arrested them for committing insurance \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

ANSWERS: 26. peddled, 27. infect, 28. spy, 29. judgments, 30. philosophy, 31. villain, 32. common-sense, 33. fraud

34. The price of raw \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise.

- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

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

36. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

37. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

- adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

39. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.

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

40. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

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

41. Our farm experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ of locusts this year.

- n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 34. cotton, 35. regulation, 36. strike, 37. neuroscience, 38. unsurprising, 39. critics, 40. suppose, 41. plague

42. This teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ in his grading.

*adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

43. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

44. He kept his robust \_\_\_\_\_ in his company.

*n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

45. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.

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

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.

*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

47. They were looking for \_\_\_\_\_ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

*n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

48. 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

49. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

*v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 42. generous, 43. toxic, 44. faith, 45. struggle, 46. wealth, 47. intimacy, 48. assumes, 49. discuss

50. This bronze sword is a \_\_\_\_\_ of ancient times.

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

51. His constant \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for him to connect with others.

*n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest

52. The government is determined to \_\_\_\_\_ sharp inflation.

*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

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 \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

*n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

55. The election administration nullified the election results because of \_\_\_\_\_ fraud.

*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

56. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

57. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 50. relic, 51. cynicism, 52. tackle, 53. obsolete, 54. negotiation, 55. voter, 56. detected, 57. rev

58. His \_\_\_\_\_ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

59. The \_\_\_\_\_ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

*adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

60. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.

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

61. The disease is now reaching \_\_\_\_\_ proportions in our country.

*n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

62. In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a \_\_\_\_\_ game, with only one player able to win each match.

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

63. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.

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

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

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

65. There was an almost certain \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was involved in illegal activities.

*n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

ANSWERS: 58. cognitive, 59. blunt, 60. envision, 61. epidemic, 62. zero-sum, 63. strength, 64. disaster, 65. suspicion

66. The government promised to \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to control the financial crisis.  
*v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
67. Too \_\_\_\_\_ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.  
*adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
68. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
69. Some seaweed was used as \_\_\_\_\_ medicine in ancient times.  
*n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
70. In the hospital, she will remain under constant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
71. The \_\_\_\_\_ partially destroyed my vehicle.  
*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
72. They \_\_\_\_\_ a common secret instead of sharing it.  
*v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
73. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.  
*v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
74. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.  
*n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

ANSWERS: 66. implement, 67. strict, 68. relations, 69. folk, 70. observation, 71. accident, 72. hoarded, 73. soared, 74. injustice

75. She was caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ loop, scrolling through negative news for hours.

- n.* the act of compulsively scrolling through negative news and events on the internet, often leading to feelings of anxiety or despair

76. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior led him to steal from the company.

- adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

77. 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

78. The sculptor carefully molded the \_\_\_\_\_ into the desired shape.

- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

79. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.

- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

80. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.

- v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

81. She is a confident \_\_\_\_\_ who always looks on the bright side.

- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

82. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

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

ANSWERS: 75. doomscrolling, 76. greedy, 77. equipped, 78. clay, 79. solid-state, 80. disagree, 81. optimist, 82. separate

83. Often in drama, \_\_\_\_\_ personalities gain popularity.

*adj.* capable of being corrupted, not honest

84. She \_\_\_\_\_ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

*v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

85. He is \_\_\_\_\_ in his thoughts.

*adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior;  
open-minded

86. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

*v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something  
painful or unpleasant

87. The lush green forest provided a picturesque \_\_\_\_\_ for the photo shoot.

*n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a  
stage, film, or other performance

88. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

89. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

90. The plane made a rough \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone clapped once we came to a  
stop.

*n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or  
jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to  
rest

ANSWERS: 83. dishonest, 84. recreated, 85. liberal, 86. suffers, 87. backdrop, 88.  
accurate, 89. psychology, 90. landing,



91. He \_\_\_\_\_ the article in his own words to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

- v.* to restate or reword a passage in one's own words, often to clarify or simplify the original meaning

92. The police were in a \_\_\_\_\_ with the robbers attempting to rob the bank.

- n.* a violent exchange of gunfire between two or more individuals or groups; often depicted in movies and media as part of the action or crime scenes

93. The book presents an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective on the role of government in society.

- adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

94. He was attempting to confuse his \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

95. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

96. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.

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

97. The workers showed \_\_\_\_\_ in their strike for better working conditions.

- n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

98. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 91. paraphrased, 92. gunfight, 93. ideological, 94. opponent, 95. ideology, 96. brain, 97. solidarity, 98. Democracy

99. There are several causes of economic \_\_\_\_\_ within societies.  
*n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
100. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adv.* after the time mentioned
101. The mRNA \_\_\_\_\_ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.  
*n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
102. It was the first time for her, but she \_\_\_\_\_ the role of Priest.  
*v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
103. My initial reaction was to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
104. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.  
*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
105. The con artist's lies quickly took in the \_\_\_\_\_ young man.  
*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
106. There is considerable \_\_\_\_\_ that the economy will recover soon.  
*n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 99. inequality, 100. afterward, 101. vaccine, 102. fulfilled, 103. refuse, 104. instinct, 105. naive, 106. optimism

107. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with others to obtain this position.

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

108. My computer software is \_\_\_\_\_ with the latest version.

*adj.* reflecting or incorporating the latest information, methods, or ideas; current; modern

109. The company provides all employees with a digital \_\_\_\_\_ for emergency purposes.

*n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings

110. The enemy fell right into the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

111. The break in the \_\_\_\_\_ threatened the valley.

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

112. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

113. She falls over \_\_\_\_\_ when she sees her mother-in-law.

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

114. His \_\_\_\_\_ posturing was just a cover for his insecurities and lack of confidence.

*adj.* characterized by a strong sense of masculinity or male dominance, often in a way that is perceived as arrogant or aggressive

ANSWERS: 107. compete, 108. up-to-date, 109. pager, 110. trap, 111. dam, 112. lab, 113. backward, 114. macho

115. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

116. During my hiking trip, I got stuck in \_\_\_\_\_ and had to be rescued.

*n.* a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them

117. In terms of \_\_\_\_\_ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

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

118. He \_\_\_\_\_ the wall in anger.

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

119. \_\_\_\_\_ is also necessary to understand history.

*n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

120. She volunteers at a local \_\_\_\_\_ every weekend to help those in need.

*n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

121. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.

*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

122. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the \_\_\_\_\_ present in the community.

*n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

ANSWERS: 115. crazy, 116. quicksand, 117. intelligence, 118. punched, 119. Empathy, 120. charity, 121. committed, 122. racism

123. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly \_\_\_\_\_ and at peace.  
*adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
124. \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.  
*n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
125. He could no longer tell the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and reality.  
*n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
126. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
127. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.  
*v.* to take the place of something
128. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ argument for the new policy.  
*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
129. The team had to \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the project on time.  
*v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
130. 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
131. They each choose \_\_\_\_\_ to battle.  
*adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
132. This intriguing \_\_\_\_\_ mystery remains unsolved.  
*n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 123. calm, 124. Permafrost, 125. illusion, 126. industrious, 127. replace, 128. persuasive, 129. cooperate, 130. decide, 131. nonetheless, 132. murder

133. I will introduce some \_\_\_\_\_ on learning English in this class.

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

134. 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

135. The \_\_\_\_\_ photography captured the genuine emotions of the moment.

- adj.* honest, straightforward, and frank in someone's words or actions

136. How did he \_\_\_\_\_ to your idea?

- v.* to take action in response to something

137. The \_\_\_\_\_ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

138. New York is a city with a \_\_\_\_\_ ethnic population.

- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

139. He could never go against what \_\_\_\_\_ Carlos said.

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

140. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

ANSWERS: 133. tips, 134. spot, 135. candid, 136. react, 137. politician, 138. diverse, 139. Don, 140. stick

141. The vegetarian burger was an \_\_\_\_\_ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

142. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

143. He did complicated pen-and-ink drawings like medieval \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* being on a very small scale

144. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

145. We replaced \_\_\_\_\_ equipment to improve factory productivity.

*adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

146. The \_\_\_\_\_ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

*n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

147. The farmer put a \_\_\_\_\_ over the hens.

*v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

148. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

ANSWERS: 141. innovation, 142. random, 143. miniatures, 144. violent, 145. outdated, 146. cooperation, 147. coop, 148. colleague

149. John Whitney was a computer animation \_\_\_\_\_.

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

150. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

151. They cooperated for their \_\_\_\_\_ benefit.

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

152. The trade \_\_\_\_\_ remained adamant about its demands.

*n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

153. Greed is the primary \_\_\_\_\_ in the making of criminals.

*n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

154. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

155. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?

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

156. These gas nebulae are merely newborn galactic \_\_\_\_\_.

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

157. We are responsible for the care and \_\_\_\_\_ of all our employees.

*n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

ANSWERS: 149. pioneer, 150. conduct, 151. mutual, 152. union, 153. ingredient, 154. grab, 155. divide, 156. cores, 157. well-being



158. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

159. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

160. The \_\_\_\_\_ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

*adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

ANSWERS: 158. self-interest, 159. historic, 160. evangelical