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Session 1: Word List

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

watt

n. a standard unit for measuring electrical power

(1) 30- **watt** light bulb, (2) **watt** per square meter

Several hectares of land are needed to generate more than 1-mega **watt** solar power.

friction

n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects

synonym : rub, scrape, resistance

(1) **friction** force, (2) surface **friction**

The **friction** between the two countries was causing tension.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym : administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym : recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

humble

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

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

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

The nobler, the more **humble**.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym : classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

balanced

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

synonym : equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well-**balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym : alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

enthusiast

n. a person having a strong liking for something

synonym : buff, aficionado, devotee

(1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response

The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

capture

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

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

pharmacy

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

synonym : drugstore, chemist's, apothecary

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

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

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

banquet

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

synonym : feast, meal, dinner

(1) **banquet** hall, (2) host a **banquet**

We had a delicious **banquet** at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym : convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

pardon

v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; *(noun)* the act of excusing a mistake or offense

synonym : forgive, excuse, absolve

(1) **pardon** me, (2) supplicate for **pardon**

The governor decided to **pardon** the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.

lapel

n. the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up

synonym : collar, label, badge

(1) vintage **lapel**, (2) **lapel** microphone

He adjusted the pin on his **lapel** before giving his speech.

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.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym : duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

breed

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

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

lump

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

synonym : mass, clump, ball

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

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

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym : devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

exploitation

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

synonym : victimization, development, using

(1) sexual **exploitation**, (2) the **exploitation** of fossil resources

Strategic **exploitation** of cutting-edge technology would be a

sure formula for success.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym : cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

monoculture

n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area

synonym : single crop, uniform, homogenous

(1) **monoculture** strategy, (2) corn **monoculture**

Monoculture farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym : migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

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?

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many

people without food.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym : extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

chronic

adj. being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual

synonym : established, regular, constant

(1) risk of **chronic** disease, (2) **chronic** alcohol consumption

Chronic hyperglycemia is a trigger for a variety of serious diseases.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym : extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym : negatron

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

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

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

handwriting

n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing

synonym : script, penmanship, calligraphy

(1) **handwriting** identification, (2) **handwriting** sample

The **handwriting** on the note was barely legible.

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym : documentation, filing, office work

(1) **paperwork** process, (2) bureaucratic **paperwork**

The **paperwork** for the loan application was extensive.

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym : doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her

persistent headache.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss
The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym: separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**
Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

registry

n. an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object

synonym: list, catalog, record

(1) **registry** database, (2) **registry** number

The hospital keeps a **registry** of patients' medical records.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

fatigue

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

synonym: exhaustion, weariness, tiredness

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

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

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym: look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

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.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

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

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

identification

n. the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

synonym: recognition, designation, label

(1) an **identification** tag for children, (2) personal **identification** number

Eye movements complicate **identification** by retinal scanning.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

harry

v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

synonym : bother, pester, annoy

(1) **harry** the ship all night, (2) **harry** a suspect

I need to **harry** my coworkers to finish the project on time.

potter

n. a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind

synonym : shape, form, mold

(1) **potter's** studio, (2) **potter** around in the garden

The ancient Egyptians were skilled **potters** and left behind many beautiful artifacts.

wasteful

adj. characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

synonym : uneconomical, extravagant, profligate

(1) **wasteful** practices, (2) **wasteful** habits

Buying new clothes every week is a **wasteful** use of money and resources.

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**.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

artillery

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

synonym: guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**

The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

lethal

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

synonym: destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of hypertension.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

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

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

recoil

v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
synonym: flinch, shy, shrink

(1) **recoil** in horror, (2) **recoil** from a snake

The gun **recoiled** with a loud bang.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

defeat

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

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

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

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

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

warfare

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

billionaire

n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

synonym: mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym: gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

patent

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

synonym : copyright, trademark, license

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

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

photocopy

n. a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

synonym : duplicate, reproduction

(1) **photocopy** machine, (2) color **photocopy**

I need to make a **photocopy** of this document before I send it out.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym : beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym : endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

inefficiency

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

synonym: ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

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

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

intuition

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

synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

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

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

facet

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

synonym : aspect, side, angle

(1) **facet** to a question, (2) important **facet**

The different **facets** of his personality make him a complex individual.

scenic

adj. relating to or providing views of natural beauty, such as mountains, forests, or oceans; having pleasing or picturesque natural features

synonym : picturesque, panoramic, beautiful

(1) **scenic** overlook, (2) **scenic** beauty

The Alps offer some of the most **scenic** views in the world, with their snow-capped peaks and lush valleys.

serendipity

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

synonym : luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

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.

- toll** *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
synonym: fee, cost, expense
(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death
There is no **toll** car park nearby.
- fascinating** *adj.* extremely interesting
synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating
(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.
- mussel** *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
synonym: clam, oyster, bivalve
(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation
I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.
- pearl** *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
synonym: bead, gem, nacre
(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price
She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
- 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.
- president** *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson
(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

delegate

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

synonym: representative, envoy, agent

(1) **delegate** a routine task, (2) send a **delegate**

The **delegate** from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

foresee

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

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

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

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

couch

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

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

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

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

thermostat

n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

synonym : thermoregulator, climate control

(1) **thermostat** settings, (2) smart **thermostat**

The digital **thermostat** has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym : void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

fidget

v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still

synonym : fiddle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **fidget** with hands, (2) **fidget** on my lap

He **fidgeted** with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.

waist

n. the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals

synonym : midriff, torso, abdomen

(1) **waist** measurement, (2) a slim **waist**

She cinched her dress at the **waist** to accentuate her hourglass figure.

monetize

v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money

synonym : mint, make profit

(1) **monetize** my skill, (2) **monetize** nickel

He explored ways to **monetize** his digital content.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a

child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

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.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

metropolitan

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

synonym: urban, city, municipal

(1) major **metropolitan** area, (2) **metropolitan** city

The city is a true **metropolitan**, with a diverse population and bustling streets.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful

music.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

starburst

n. a decorative design or motif that consists of radiating lines or rays that form a burst or explosion shape; a type of candy that has a chewy, fruit-flavored center surrounded by a hard, fruit-flavored, or sour candy shell

synonym: explosion, burst, eruption

(1) **starburst** pattern, (2) **starburst** flavors

The fireworks display ended with a colorful **starburst** lit up the sky.

chandelier

n. a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls

(1) twinkling **chandelier**, (2) **chandelier-lit** room

This room had a **chandelier** glittering with crystals

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with

stunning ocean views.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

keyboard

n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work

synonym: console, piano

(1) numeric **keyboard**, (2) **keyboard** instruments

Please strike the "enter" on the **keyboard**.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

verbatim

adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written

synonym: word-for-word, exactly, literally

(1) quote his words **verbatim**, (2) **verbatim** transcript

The court reporter transcribed the testimony **verbatim** to ensure accuracy.

abbreviate

v. to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

synonym: shorten, truncate, condense

(1) **abbreviate** words, (2) **abbreviate** a long document

I will **abbreviate** the title of the article to save space.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable

for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

transcribe

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

synonym: copy, record, transliterate

(1) **transcribe** notes, (2) **transcribe** documents

She needs to **transcribe** the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

diversity

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

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

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

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

supplement

n. something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it

synonym: complement, addendum, accessory

(1) wage **supplement**, (2) use of dietary **supplements**

Certain **supplements** may promote tumor growth.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

outlook

n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

synonym: perspective, view, overlook

(1) the **outlook** of the townsite, (2) a positive **outlook** on life

Our company's business **outlook** for next year is bright.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

redundancy

n. the state of being unnecessary, especially through being able to be replaced by something else

synonym : surplus, excess, overabundance

(1) eliminate **redundancy**, (2) **redundancy** payment

The company had to let go of some employees due to **redundancy**.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

aircraft

n. any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter

synonym : airplane, plane, airliner

(1) an **aircraft** landing, (2) **aircraft** control system

The marine **aircraft** manufacturer demonstrated their newest hydroplane.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

override

v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else

synonym : overrule, annul, nullify

(1) **override** the system, (2) **override** a veto

The CEO decided to **override** the decision made by the lower-level managers.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym : save, extricate, retrieve

(1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

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

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

extravagant

adj. exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

synonym : excessive, lavish, indulgent

(1) **extravagant** expenses, (2) **extravagant** lifestyle

The wedding was an **extravagant** affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

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**.

- hire** v. to give somebody a job
synonym: employ, engage, lease
(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour
We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.
- engineer** n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
synonym: architect, creator, builder
(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage
The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- retake** v. to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result
synonym: recapture, reclaim, recover
(1) **retake** photo, (2) **retake** control
I will have to **retake** this test to get a passing grade.
- genius** n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen
(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music
Mozart was a musical **genius**.
- feat** n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit
(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- superb** *adj.* extremely good; excellent in quality; superbly done
synonym: outstanding, excellent, fabulous
(1) **superb** quality, (2) **superb** performance
The meal we had at the restaurant was **superb**; I highly recommend it.

dramatist

n. a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces

synonym: playwright, author, scriptwriter

(1) the **dramatist's** latest production, (2) modern **dramatist**

The famous **dramatist** wrote many successful plays during his career.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym: extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable** song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

intuitive

adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

synonym: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment

I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

extravagance

n. excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

synonym: excess, luxury, waste

(1) luxury **extravagance**, (2) financial **extravagance**

The **extravagance** of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

optimal

adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
synonym : optimum, desirable, favorable

(1) achieve **optimal** health, (2) **optimal** for intellectual growth

Wild animals need to go forward with the **optimal** action to survive.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

circuit

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

synonym : route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

- trail** *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
synonym : footpath, track, course
(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**
The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.
- virtual** *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
synonym : practical
(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies
She is the **virtual** president of the company.
- detour** *n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
synonym : diversion, deviation, bypass
(1) **detour** sign, (2) unnecessary **detour**
We had to take a **detour because** of the road construction ahead.
- strengthen** *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
synonym : reinforce, harden, boost
(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol
Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a hu___e cottage | <i>adj.</i> having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance |
| 2. classic car ent_____sts | <i>n.</i> a person having a strong liking for something |
| 3. spiritual wa_____e | <i>n.</i> the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives |
| 4. wage sup_____nt | <i>n.</i> something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it |
| 5. the exp_____ion of fossil resources | <i>n.</i> the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful |
| 6. pr_____s improvement | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |
| 7. red_____cy payment | <i>n.</i> the state of being unnecessary, especially through being able to be replaced by something else |
| 8. completely fas_____ng to me | <i>adj.</i> extremely interesting |
| 9. an energy eff_____cy | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money |

ANSWERS: 1. humble, 2. enthusiast, 3. warfare, 4. supplement, 5. exploitation, 6. process, 7. redundancy, 8. fascinating, 9. efficiency

10. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
11. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
12. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
13. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
14. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
15. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
16. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
17. ai_____ft control system *n.* any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter
18. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
19. met_____tan city *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
20. fa__t to a question *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

ANSWERS: 10. aim, 11. genius, 12. introductory, 13. evil, 14. alarm, 15. nutrition, 16. relation, 17. aircraft, 18. flourish, 19. metropolitan, 20. facet

21. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
22. ph_____py machine *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
23. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
24. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
25. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
26. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
27. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
28. ke_____rd instruments *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
29. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
30. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

ANSWERS: 21. honor, 22. photocopy, 23. pioneer, 24. principle, 25. feat, 26. summarize, 27. maximum, 28. keyboard, 29. nutrition, 30. grasp

31. use of dietary sup_____nts *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
32. financial ext_____nce *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
33. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
34. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
35. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
36. bureaucratic ine_____ncy *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
37. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
38. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
39. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
40. ine_____ncy in the system *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

ANSWERS: 31. supplement, 32. extravagance, 33. trail, 34. strengthen, 35. origin, 36. inefficiency, 37. mechanism, 38. negative, 39. initial, 40. inefficiency

41. economic mi____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
42. pa____n me *v.* to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
43. ba____t hall *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
44. corn mon____re *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
45. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
46. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
47. es____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
48. eliminate red____cy *n.* the state of being unnecessary, especially through being able to be replaced by something else
49. sc____c beauty *adj.* relating to or providing views of natural beauty, such as mountains, forests, or oceans; having pleasing or picturesque natural features
50. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 41. miracle, 42. pardon, 43. banquet, 44. monoculture, 45. engineer, 46. invest, 47. essential, 48. redundancy, 49. scenic, 50. economy

51. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
52. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
53. ext_____nt expenses *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
54. in_____ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
55. re_____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
56. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
57. tr___h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
58. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
59. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

ANSWERS: 51. breed, 52. opportune, 53. extravagant, 54. intuitive, 55. resemble, 56. economy, 57. trench, 58. gallon, 59. algorithm

60. supplicate for pa___n
v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
61. ne____t ethical issues
v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
62. risk of ch____c disease
adj. being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual
63. st_____st flavors
n. a decorative design or motif that consists of radiating lines or rays that form a burst or explosion shape; a type of candy that has a chewy, fruit-flavored center surrounded by a hard, fruit-flavored, or sour candy shell
64. pa____t with weight loss
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
65. major met_____tan area
adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
66. de____te a routine task
n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
67. ha__y the ship all night
v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

ANSWERS: 60. pardon, 61. neglect, 62. chronic, 63. starburst, 64. patient, 65. metropolitan, 66. delegate, 67. harry

68. po___r around in the garden *n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
69. va___m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
70. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
71. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
72. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
73. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
74. dr_____c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
75. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 68. potter, 69. vacuum, 70. gallon, 71. efficiency, 72. accident, 73. identical, 74. drastic, 75. process

76. su____e beforehand
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
77. re____e a prisoner
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
78. a vi____l image
adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
79. h__e a guide
v. to give somebody a job
80. mon____re strategy
n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
81. shrine for pi____ms
n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
82. mo____ze my skill
v. to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
83. perfect ut____a
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
84. coal fa____e
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
85. make dr____c revision
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
86. federal ci____t courts
n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

ANSWERS: 76. suppose, 77. release, 78. virtual, 79. hire, 80. monoculture, 81. pilgrim, 82. monetize, 83. utopia, 84. famine, 85. drastic, 86. circuit

87. op____l for intellectual growth *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
88. a digital pl____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
89. the di____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
90. online ph____cy *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
91. str____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
92. lingual di____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
93. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
94. a positive ou____k on life *n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
95. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

ANSWERS: 87. optimal, 88. platform, 89. diversity, 90. pharmacy, 91. strengthen, 92. diversity, 93. evil, 94. outlook, 95. pearl

96. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
97. ve_____im transcript *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
98. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
99. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
100. smart the_____at *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
101. su_____zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
102. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
103. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
104. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
105. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
106. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 96. constantly, 97. verbatim, 98. pearl, 99. virtual, 100. thermostat, 101. summarize, 102. invention, 103. universal, 104. genetically, 105. masterpiece, 106. platform

107. achieve op_____l health *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
108. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
109. abb_____te words *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise
110. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
111. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
112. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
113. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
114. ch_____c alcohol consumption *adj.* being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual
115. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
116. abb_____te a long document *v.* to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

ANSWERS: 107. optimal, 108. recognition, 109. abbreviate, 110. punch, 111. president, 112. rescue, 113. relation, 114. chronic, 115. intent, 116. abbreviate

117. fr_____on force *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
118. tra_____be notes *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
119. la__l microphone *n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
120. ser_____ty moment *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
121. modern dr_____st *n.* a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
122. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
123. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
124. twinkling cha_____er *n.* a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
125. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 117. friction, 118. transcribe, 119. lapel, 120. serendipity, 121. dramatist, 122. invest, 123. complain, 124. chandelier, 125. employee

126. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
127. pa_____rk process *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
128. quote his words ve_____im *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
129. ex_____e the world *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
130. fa_____e breaking *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
131. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
132. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
133. a penciled sk____h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
134. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 126. hardware, 127. paperwork, 128. verbatim, 129. explore, 130. fatigue, 131. imaginative, 132. background, 133. sketch, 134. engineer

135. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
136. consult with a ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
137. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
138. han_____ng identification *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
139. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
140. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
141. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
142. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
143. ci_____t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
144. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
145. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

ANSWERS: 135. surveillance, 136. physician, 137. trap, 138. handwriting, 139. introductory, 140. masterpiece, 141. shell, 142. obsession, 143. circuit, 144. aim, 145. eliminate

146. ind_____lly designed product *adv.* separately or apart from others
147. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
148. br___e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
149. pa___t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
150. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
151. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
152. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
153. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
154. ar_____ry fire *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

ANSWERS: 146. individually, 147. hardware, 148. brave, 149. patent, 150. encounter, 151. achieve, 152. universal, 153. identical, 154. artillery

155. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
156. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
157. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
158. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
159. an ide_____ion tag for children *n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
160. wa_____ul practices *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
161. re_____y database *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object
162. tra_____be documents *v.* to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text
163. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
164. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 155. constant, 156. trail, 157. eliminate, 158. release, 159. identification, 160. wasteful, 161. registry, 162. transcribe, 163. industrious, 164. develop

165. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
166. a slim wa__t *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
167. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
168. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
169. an ai_____ft landing *n.* any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter
170. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
171. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
172. a ba_____ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
173. fi___t with hands *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
174. ob_____on with character *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
175. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
176. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

ANSWERS: 165. independence, 166. waist, 167. opera, 168. environment, 169. aircraft, 170. genius, 171. ancient, 172. balanced, 173. fidget, 174. obsession, 175. nightmare, 176. famine

177. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
178. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
179. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
180. re___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
181. bl___t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
182. vintage la__l *n.* the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up
183. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
184. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
185. pi_____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 177. curve, 178. opposition, 179. predictable, 180. rescue, 181. blight, 182. lapel, 183. architect, 184. utopia, 185. pilgrim

186. le___l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
187. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
188. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
189. coastal ar____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
190. ba____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
191. measures to pr____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
192. sc___c overlook *adj.* relating to or providing views of natural beauty, such as mountains, forests, or oceans; having pleasing or picturesque natural features
193. a dry ba____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
194. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 186. lethal, 187. couch, 188. ancient, 189. artillery, 190. battery, 191. prolong, 192. scenic, 193. battery, 194. precious

195. re_____ry number *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object
196. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
197. send a de_____te *n.* a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
198. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
199. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
200. 30-w__t light bulb *n.* a standard unit for measuring electrical power
201. to_____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
202. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
203. su___b performance *adj.* extremely good; excellent in quality; superbly done
204. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
205. ha__y a suspect *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

ANSWERS: 195. registry, 196. nightmare, 197. delegate, 198. capture, 199. essential, 200. watt, 201. tolerate, 202. prolong, 203. superb, 204. flourish, 205. harry

206. surface fr____on *n.* the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects
207. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
208. important fa__t *n.* one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something
209. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
210. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
211. defense me____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
212. a me____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
213. the____at settings *n.* a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building
214. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 206. friction, 207. military, 208. facet, 209. negative, 210. shell, 211. mechanism, 212. medical, 213. thermostat, 214. alarm

215. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
216. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
217. ext_____nt lifestyle *adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish
218. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
219. single l__p sum *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
220. ph_____cy chain *n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
221. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
222. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
223. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
224. re___l from a snake *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
225. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
226. le___l injection *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

ANSWERS: 215. complain, 216. agriculture, 217. extravagant, 218. efficient, 219. lump, 220. pharmacy, 221. employee, 222. physician, 223. straight, 224. recoil, 225. smartphone, 226. lethal

227. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
228. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
229. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
230. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
231. fi__t on my lap *v.* to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
232. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
233. attempt to pe____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
234. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
235. unnecessary de____r *n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

ANSWERS: 227. trap, 228. patient, 229. extinguish, 230. hire, 231. fidget, 232. memorable, 233. persuade, 234. foresee, 235. detour

236. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
237. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
238. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
239. pe_____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
240. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
241. wa_____ul habits *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
242. va_____m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
243. de_____t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
244. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

ANSWERS: 236. algorithm, 237. diet, 238. environment, 239. persuade, 240. straight, 241. wasteful, 242. vacuum, 243. defeat, 244. pioneer

245. the ou____k of the townsite *n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
246. de_____le result *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
247. ca_____s remark *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
248. mo_____ze nickel *v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money
249. re___e control *v.* to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result
250. host a ba_____t *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
251. mu___l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
252. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
253. re_____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something

ANSWERS: 245. outlook, 246. desirable, 247. callous, 248. monetize, 249. retake, 250. banquet, 251. mussel, 252. constantly, 253. resemble

254. personal ide_____ion number *n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
255. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
256. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
257. a well-ba_____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
258. ser_____ty discovery *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
259. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
260. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
261. tr_____c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
262. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 254. identification, 255. architect, 256. brilliant, 257. balanced, 258. serendipity, 259. background, 260. medical, 261. tragic, 262. efficient

263. ov____de the system *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
264. intensive agr____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
265. capable of ima____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
266. fas____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
267. a public cor____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
268. em____te for better opportunities *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
269. psy____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
270. dif____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
271. su____b quality *adj.* extremely good; excellent in quality; superbly done
272. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
273. ca____s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 263. override, 264. agriculture, 265. imaginative, 266. fascinating, 267. corporation, 268. emigrate, 269. psychology, 270. difficulty, 271. superb, 272. military, 273. callous

274. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
275. careful not to sc____h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
276. hu____e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
277. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
278. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
279. st_____st pattern *n.* a decorative design or motif that consists of radiating lines or rays that form a burst or explosion shape; a type of candy that has a chewy, fruit-flavored center surrounded by a hard, fruit-flavored, or sour candy shell
280. luxury ext_____nce *n.* excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action
281. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
282. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 274. recognition, 275. scorch, 276. humble, 277. capture, 278. fluent, 279. starburst, 280. extravagance, 281. miracle, 282. inspire

283. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
284. de_____le effect *adj.* worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
285. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
286. tr____c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
287. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
288. answer questions ind_____lly *adv.* separately or apart from others
289. first design sk____hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
290. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
291. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
292. color ph_____py *n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier
293. ex_____e our options *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

ANSWERS: 283. surveillance, 284. desirable, 285. warfare, 286. tragic, 287. feat, 288. individually, 289. sketch, 290. germ, 291. president, 292. photocopy, 293. explore

294. an ent_____stic response *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
295. ap___l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
296. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
297. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
298. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
299. create me_____le experiences *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
300. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
301. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
302. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
303. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
304. in_____ve eating *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
305. numeric ke_____rd *n.* device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
306. sc___h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

ANSWERS: 294. enthusiast, 295. appall, 296. sustainable, 297. fluent, 298. origin, 299. memorable, 300. smartphone, 301. billionaire, 302. sustainable, 303. foresee, 304. intuitive, 305. keyboard, 306. scorch

307. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
308. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
309. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
310. oil bil____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
311. bl___t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
312. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
313. deep-sea tr___h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
314. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
315. ov____de a veto *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
316. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 307. precious, 308. industrious, 309. defeat, 310. billionaire, 311. blight, 312. device, 313. trench, 314. punch, 315. override, 316. opportune

317. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
318. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
319. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
320. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
321. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
322. w__t per square meter *n.* a standard unit for measuring electrical power
323. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
324. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
325. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
326. re___e photo *v.* to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result

ANSWERS: 317. intent, 318. maximum, 319. corporation, 320. opposition, 321. encounter, 322. watt, 323. invention, 324. tragedy, 325. suppose, 326. retake

327. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
328. han_____ng sample *n.* the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
329. re___l in horror *v.* to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
330. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
331. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
332. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
333. l__p in the throat *n.* a small, irregularly shaped mass or piece, typically of a soft substance such as coal, flour, or dough
334. de___r sign *n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action
335. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
336. pa___t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
337. br___e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

ANSWERS: 327. germ, 328. handwriting, 329. recoil, 330. difficulty, 331. independence, 332. psychology, 333. lump, 334. detour, 335. brilliant, 336. patent, 337. brave

338. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
339. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
340. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
341. po___r's studio *n.* a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
342. bureaucratic pa_____rk *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
343. mu___l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
344. in____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
345. ne_____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
346. to_____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

ANSWERS: 338. curve, 339. breed, 340. develop, 341. potter, 342. paperwork, 343. mussel, 344. inspire, 345. neglect, 346. tolerate

347. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
348. wa__t measurement *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
349. sexual exp_____ion *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
350. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
351. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
352. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
353. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
354. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
355. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
356. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
357. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

ANSWERS: 347. constant, 348. waist, 349. exploitation, 350. principle, 351. predictable, 352. initial, 353. software, 354. opera, 355. electron, 356. tragedy, 357. genetically

358. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
359. ap___l the tourists *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
360. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
361. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
362. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
363. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
364. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
365. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
366. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
367. em_____te to a new country *v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another

ANSWERS: 358. couch, 359. appall, 360. intuition, 361. extinguish, 362. honor, 363. diet, 364. toll, 365. toll, 366. grasp, 367. emigrate

368. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
369. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
370. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
371. cha_____er-lit room *n.* a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls
372. fa_____e caused by overwork *n.* a feeling of tiredness or weariness, especially as a result of physical or mental exertion; the reduction in the strength or efficiency of a material or structure due to repeated use or stress
373. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
374. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
375. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
376. the dr_____st's latest production *n.* a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
377. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 368. device, 369. intuition, 370. chemical, 371. chandelier, 372. fatigue, 373. electron, 374. chemical, 375. software, 376. dramatist, 377. achieve

378. cause an ac____nt

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

ANSWERS: 378. accident

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.
n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
2. The ancient Egyptians were skilled _____ and left behind many beautiful artifacts.
n. a person who makes pottery, objects that are made of clay and then fired in a kiln to make them hard and durable; (verb, also putter) to occupy oneself in a leisurely or casual way, often with no particular goal or aim in mind
3. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
4. The governor decided to _____ the prisoner after reviewing the evidence of his innocence.
v. to forgive someone for something they have said or done, such as a crime; (noun) the act of excusing a mistake or offense
5. The _____ on the note was barely legible.
n. the particular way in which a person writes, as distinct from printing or typing
6. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
7. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 1. surveillance, 2. potters, 3. flourished, 4. pardon, 5. handwriting, 6. desirable, 7. brilliant

8. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
9. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
10. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
11. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
12. Eye movements complicate _____ by retinal scanning.
n. the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
13. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
14. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
15. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

ANSWERS: 8. suppose, 9. mechanisms, 10. intuitions, 11. battery, 12. identification, 13. recognition, 14. pearl, 15. resemble

16. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
17. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
18. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
19. _____ hyperglycemia is a trigger for a variety of serious diseases.
adj. being long-lasting and recurrent or characterized by long suffering; habitual
20. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
21. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
22. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
23. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 16. industrious, 17. drastic, 18. capture, 19. Chronic, 20. electron, 21. couch, 22. persuade, 23. diversity

24. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
- adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
25. The fireworks display ended with a colorful _____ lit up the sky.
- n.* a decorative design or motif that consists of radiating lines or rays that form a burst or explosion shape; a type of candy that has a chewy, fruit-flavored center surrounded by a hard, fruit-flavored, or sour candy shell
26. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
27. Several hectares of land are needed to generate more than 1-mega_____ solar power.
- n.* a standard unit for measuring electrical power
28. She is the _____ president of the company.
- adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
29. We ___ for an overseas expansion.
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
30. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.
- v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
31. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.
- n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

ANSWERS: 24. imaginative, 25. starburst, 26. algorithm, 27. watt, 28. virtual, 29. aim, 30. blighted, 31. vacuum

32. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.
n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
33. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
n. a condition or state that causes problems
34. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
35. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
36. He _____ with his pen while waiting for the interview to begin.
v. to make small, restless movements; to be unable to sit still
37. I had an _____ feeling that I might be pregnant.
adj. obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
38. The gun _____ with a loud bang.
v. to spring or flinch back, as in surprise, fear, or pain
39. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.
adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
40. The hospital keeps a _____ of patients' medical records.
n. an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object

ANSWERS: 32. paperwork, 33. difficulty, 34. hire, 35. alarm, 36. fidgeted, 37. intuitive, 38. recoiled, 39. balanced, 40. registry

41. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
42. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
43. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.
n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
44. The company had to let go of some employees due to _____.
n. the state of being unnecessary, especially through being able to be replaced by something else
45. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
46. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.
n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
47. The city is a true _____ with a diverse population and bustling streets.
adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
48. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 41. predictable, 42. medical, 43. gallon, 44. redundancy, 45. architect, 46. artillery, 47. metropolitan, 48. background

49. Gambling became an _____ for him, and he eventually lost everything.
n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
50. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
51. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
52. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
53. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
54. The sun _____ the desert, making it uninhabitable.
v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
55. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
56. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 49. obsession, 50. evil, 51. strengthen, 52. famine, 53. chemical, 54. scorched, 55. president, 56. curve

57. Each department has done its product costing _____.
- adv.* separately or apart from others
58. Many people _____ from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.
- v.* to leave one's country or region to settle in another
59. Buying new clothes every week is a _____ use of money and resources.
- adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
60. I need to go to the hospital _____ to pick up my prescription.
- n.* a place where medicines are prepared and dispensed; a drugstore or chemist's
61. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
62. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
63. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
64. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 57. individually, 58. emigrated, 59. wasteful, 60. pharmacy, 61. trail, 62. breeds, 63. engineer, 64. honor

65. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
66. _____ farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.
n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
67. The famous _____ wrote many successful plays during his career.
n. a writer of plays, dramas, or theatrical pieces
68. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
69. He _____ the wall in anger.
v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
70. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
71. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
72. The _____ of the decorations marked the wedding ceremony.
n. excessive or unnecessary expense, luxury, or waste; an excessive or frivolous behavior or action

ANSWERS: 65. independence, 66. Monoculture, 67. dramatist, 68. release, 69. punched, 70. platform, 71. smartphones, 72. extravagance

73. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
74. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
75. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
- n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
76. She cinched her dress at the _____ to accentuate her hourglass figure.
- n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
77. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
78. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
79. The news of the massacre _____ the entire nation.
- v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
80. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.
- n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
81. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.
- adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

ANSWERS: 73. pioneer, 74. origin, 75. masterpiece, 76. waist, 77. utopia, 78. environment, 79. appalled, 80. nightmare, 81. memorable

82. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

83. The _____ between the two countries was causing tension.

n. the force that opposes motion between two objects in contact, especially by producing heat and wear, and is proportional to the normal force between the objects

84. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

85. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

86. The metal showed signs of _____ after being subjected to repeated stress.

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

87. The company's _____ in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

88. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

89. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

ANSWERS: 82. genius, 83. friction, 84. fluent, 85. pilgrims, 86. fatigue, 87. inefficiency, 88. nutrition, 89. mussels

90. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
91. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
92. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
93. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.
n. a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
94. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.
v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
95. The CEO decided to _____ the decision made by the lower-level managers.
v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
96. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.
n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
97. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 90. efficient, 91. efficiency, 92. principle, 93. billionaire, 94. grasp, 95. override, 96. patent, 97. straight

98. The nobler, the more _____.

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

99. The marine _____ manufacturer demonstrated their newest hydroplane.

n. any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter

100. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

101. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

102. She needs to _____ the interview recording to write the article for the magazine.

v. to copy or reproduce something in written or printed form; to translate spoken language into written text

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

adj. indispensable; fundamental

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

105. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

ANSWERS: 98. humble, 99. aircraft, 100. process, 101. precious, 102. transcribe, 103. essential, 104. psychology, 105. eliminate

106. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
107. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
108. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
- n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
109. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
110. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.
- n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
111. 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
112. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.
- n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
113. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 106. invest, 107. germ, 108. corporation, 109. diet, 110. serendipity, 111. trap, 112. warfare, 113. employee

114. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

115. The wedding was an _____ affair with a guest list of over 500 people.

- adj.* exceeding the bounds of reason or necessity; wildly excessive; lavish

116. We had to take a _____ of the road construction ahead.

- n.* a route that deviates from the main or direct one, usually taken to avoid something such as traffic or construction; a diversion from the usual or expected course of action

117. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

- v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

118. He explored ways to _____ his digital content.

- v.* to earn money from something, such as an asset, business, etc.; to coin into money

119. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

120. There is no _____ car park nearby.

- n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

121. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

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

ANSWERS: 114. encounter, 115. extravagant, 116. detour because, 117. prolong, 118. monetize, 119. patient's, 120. toll, 121. inspired

122. We had a delicious _____ at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.
- n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
123. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
124. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
125. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
126. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
- n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
127. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
128. Strategic _____ of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.
- n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

ANSWERS: 122. banquet, 123. opportune, 124. tragedy, 125. economy, 126. hardware, 127. shell, 128. exploitation

129. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

130. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

131. He adjusted the pin on his _____ before giving his speech.

n. the flat or folded part of the collar on a suit coat or other jacket that is turned back against the neck; a similar broad part of a garment, typically one that is not turned up

132. The digital _____ has a programmable feature, and it can be controlled through your smartphone.

n. a device that automatically regulates temperature by controlling the heating or cooling system based on the temperature in a room or building

133. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

134. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

135. 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

136. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 129. tragic, 130. rescue, 131. lapel, 132. thermostat, 133. sketch, 134. brave, 135. relations, 136. military

137. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
138. The court reporter transcribed the testimony _____ to ensure accuracy.
adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
139. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
140. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.
n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
141. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.
n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
142. The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform _____.
n. a person having a strong liking for something
143. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
144. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
145. I will _____ the title of the article to save space.
v. to shorten a word or phrase by leaving out some of the letters or syllables; to make something shorter or more concise

ANSWERS: 137. negative, 138. verbatim, 139. constantly, 140. opera, 141. circuit, 142. enthusiasts, 143. complaining, 144. fascinating, 145. abbreviate

146. I need to make a _____ of this document before I send it out.

- n.* a duplicate of a document or image made by a process involving the use of light and photosensitive material; a copy made by a photocopier

147. A _____ was being dug alongside the road by workers.

- n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

148. I need to _____ my coworkers to finish the project on time.

- v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

149. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

150. Wild animals need to go forward with the _____ action to survive.

- adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous

151. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

152. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

- adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

153. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.

- v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

ANSWERS: 146. photocopy, 147. trench, 148. harry, 149. accident, 150. optimal, 151. achieve, 152. maximum, 153. extinguish

154. The Alps offer some of the most _____ views in the world, with their snow-capped peaks and lush valleys.
adj. relating to or providing views of natural beauty, such as mountains, forests, or oceans; having pleasing or picturesque natural features
155. Please strike the "enter" on the _____.
n. device consisting of a set of keys on a piano, typewriter, computer, etc., that you press to make it work
156. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
157. The meal we had at the restaurant was _____ I highly recommend it.
adj. extremely good; excellent in quality; superbly done
158. 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
159. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.
adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
160. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.
adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

ANSWERS: 154. scenic, 155. keyboard, 156. feat, 157. superb;, 158. explore, 159. genetically, 160. introductory

161. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

162. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

163. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

164. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

165. The different _____ of his personality make him a complex individual.

n. one of the many aspects or sides of a subject or situation, especially when seen from different angles or perspectives; a particular feature or characteristic of something

166. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

167. This room had a _____ glittering with crystals

n. a branched decorative light fixture designed to be mounted on ceilings or walls

168. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 161. neglected, 162. device, 163. invention, 164. tolerate, 165. facets, 166. Constant, 167. chandelier, 168. software

169. The _____ from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

170. I will have to _____ this test to get a passing grade.

v. to take something again or a second time, especially an examination or a photograph, to correct mistakes or improve the result

171. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.

adj. being the exact same one

172. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

173. Our company's business _____ for next year is bright.

n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

174. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

175. Certain _____ may promote tumor growth.

n. something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it

176. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

ANSWERS: 169. delegate, 170. retake, 171. identical, 172. opposition, 173. outlook, 174. Agriculture, 175. supplements, 176. sustainable

177. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

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

178. Malignant hypertension is the most _____ form of hypertension.

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

179. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

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

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

181. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

182. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

183. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

184. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

ANSWERS: 177. foresee, 178. lethal, 179. universal, 180. lump, 181. intent, 182. miracle, 183. summarizes, 184. initial

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

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

186. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

- n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine

187. They have been living near water since _____ times.

- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

188. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

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

189. The supervisor's _____ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

- adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 185. develop, 186. physician, 187. ancient, 188. defeat, 189. callous