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Session 1: Word List

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of

plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

downhill

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

synonym : downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

sparse

adj. only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area

synonym : scarce, exiguous, infrequent

(1) a **sparse** population, (2) **sparse** snowfall

There is a **sparse** area between galaxies.

uneasy

adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort

synonym : anxious, troubled, nervous

(1) have **uneasy** eyes, (2) **uneasy** relationship

He was **uneasy** about the situation and didn't know what to do.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his **commitments**

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

fraud

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

synonym: trickery, deceit, blackmail

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

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

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

getaway

n. a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture

synonym: escape, retreat, break

(1) planned **getaway**, (2) romantic **getaway**

The police are still searching for the suspect's **getaway** vehicle.

disaster

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

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

damp

adj. slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting

synonym: moist, dampened, wet

(1) **damp** cloth, (2) **damp** weather

The clothes were still **damp** after being in the dryer for an hour.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

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.

identity

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

synonym : character, personality, individuality

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

bet

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

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

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

I **bet** that you know it.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land
The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

podcast

n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**
Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people
synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership
Product development is a **collective** effort.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

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.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager
We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

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**.

unstick

v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

synonym: detach, remove, free

(1) **unstick** the door, (2) **unstick** the pages of a book

I had to use a knife to **unstick** the envelope from the table.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym: sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

chain

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

synonym: series, string, link

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

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

barista

n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages

synonym: coffee maker, coffee expert, espresso artist

(1) **barista** skills, (2) professional **barista**

The **barista** at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym: almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

undercut

v. to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something

synonym: undermine, weaken, sabotage

(1) **undercut** a vein of ore, (2) **undercut** his effort

The company **undercut** its competitors by offering lower prices.

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.

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

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

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

refuse

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

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

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

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

indelible

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

synonym: enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace

She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

engrave

v. to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

synonym: carve, inscribe, etch

(1) **engrave** initials, (2) **engrave** metal

He wanted to **engrave** his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

rectify

v. to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error

synonym: fix, correct, amend

(1) **rectify** a breach of the rules, (2) **rectify** the situation

We need to **rectify** the errors before submitting the report.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

warranty

n. a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet

certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards

synonym : guarantee, assurance, pledge

(1) **warranty** claim, (2) extended **warranty**

The manufacturer's **warranty** on my new laptop is valid for one year.

expire

v. to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

synonym : run out, terminate, cease

(1) **expires** next month, (2) it will **expire**

I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it **expired**.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

agonize

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

synonym : disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

marital

adj. of or relating to marriage

synonym : wedded, connubial, matrimonial

(1) **marital** fidelity, (2) affect **marital** relations

More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their **marital** problems.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

toxic

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

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

abusive

adj. involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else

synonym: cruel, oppressive, hurtful

(1) **abusive** behavior, (2) **abusive** parent

The teacher's **abusive** language towards the students was unacceptable.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

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.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something

else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

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.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

convince

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

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

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

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

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

label

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

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

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

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and

nutritional information.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym: spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused

a lot of controversies.

- fuel** *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
synonym: energy, power, gas
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- anticipate** *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
synonym: forecast, predict, expect
(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future
We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- regret** *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
synonym: apologize, deplore, lament
(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless
I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
- athlete** *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
synonym: player, contestant, jock
(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**
His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.
- suddenly** *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares
(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.
- bloom** *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

synonym : blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

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.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

supervisor

n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others

synonym : manager, boss, overseer

(1) **supervisor** of elections, (2) immediate **supervisor**

I have to check with my **supervisor** before making any changes.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

strategy

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

synonym :

approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

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**.

advert

v. an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing

synonym: advertise, mention, attend

(1) a television **advert** for the product, (2) full page **advert**

Our company took out a big **advert** next to the highway.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

flexibility

n. the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

synonym : elasticity, adaptability, resilience

(1) mental **flexibility**, (2) the **flexibility** of the body

We dealt with those problems with speed and **flexibility**.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday
There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

honeymoon

n. a period of time, often a few weeks, immediately following a wedding during which the newlywed couple goes on a vacation or trip together to celebrate their marriage and spend time together as a couple

synonym : post-wedding vacation, romantic getaway

(1) **honeymoon** destination, (2) romantic **honeymoon**

We went to Hawaii for our **honeymoon** and had a wonderful time.

meet-up

n. a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest

synonym : gathering, assembly, rendezvous

(1) **meet-up** gathering, (2) **meet-up** area

We have a **meet-up** to discuss the new project this weekend.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym : degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

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.

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.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym : hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

hesitant

adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

synonym : indecisive, uncertain, reluctant

(1) **hesitant** response, (2) **hesitant** to take action

She was **hesitant** to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

gaslight

v. to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light

synonym : manipulate, deceive, mislead

(1) **gaslight** the public by denying the evidence,

(2) **gaslight** district

He tried to **gaslight** her into believing that she was the one who caused the argument.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

grit

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

synonym : determination, fortitude, courage

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

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

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

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.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

zap

v. to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

synonym: destroy, kill, exterminate

(1) **zap** a huge target, (2) **zap** bar code

They provided allies with powerful weapons that could **zap** the enemy from thousands of miles away.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

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

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

problematic

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

synonym: inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

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

problematic

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

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

unavailable

adj. not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted

synonym: inaccessible, unobtainable, out of reach

(1) **unavailable** resource, (2) **unavailable** option

The professor is currently **unavailable** but will respond to your email as soon as possible

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

perk

n. an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job

synonym: extra, bonus, benefit

(1) **perks** for repeat guests, (2) worker **perk**

A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate **perk**.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

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.

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

disinvestment

n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

synonym : divestment, withdrawal, pullout

(1) **disinvestment** strategy, (2) **disinvestment** plan

The company's decision to engage in **disinvestment** led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.

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.

detach

v. to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

synonym: separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter

She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

band-aid

n. a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing

synonym: adhesive strip, sticking plaster

(1) **band-aid** solution, (2) temporary **band-aid** fix

I cut my finger, so I put a **band-aid** on the wound.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so

we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym : improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

ancestor

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

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

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

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

tattoo

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

synonym : emblem, symbol

(1) a **tattoo** artist, (2) a person who has a **tattoo**

Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital **tattoo** for life.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

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

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

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

balance

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

synonym :

equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym: go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

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.

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.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym : great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

motivate

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

synonym : boost, encourage, inspire

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

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

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

wealth

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

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym : delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

rev

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

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

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

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

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

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.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

irrespective

adv. without taking something into account; regardless of

synonym: heedless, inattentive, regardless

(1) **irrespective** of age, (2) **irrespective** of his will

Our company hires **irrespective** of national origin.

ecosystem

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

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

- folk** *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
synonym: community, family, person
(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.
- employer** *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
synonym: boss, owner, company
(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility
An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.
- jersey** *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
synonym: shirt, sweater, top
(1) **jersey** material, (2) fabric of the **jersey**
I always wear my favorite basketball player's **jersey** to the games.
- analyst** *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
synonym: reviewer, investigator, judge
(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**
The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.
- incredible** *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable
(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.
- godfather** *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
synonym: sponsor, mentor, protector

(1) political **godfather**, (2) be my **godfather** at my christening

The wealthy businessman acted as a **godfather** to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

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

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

dotcom

n. a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry

synonym : website, online business, e-commerce

(1) successful **dotcom**, (2) **dotcom** millionaire

The **dotcom** boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific

process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**
Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

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.

photograph

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

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

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**.

digital

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

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

shelve

v. to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently

synonym : defer, postpone, freeze

(1) **shelve** a book, (2) **shelve** a bill

Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must **shelve** our plans to buy a new house.

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.

structure

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

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym : drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

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.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

default

- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

analyze

- v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

approve

- v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

recognize

- v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

turnover

n. the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage

synonym: revenue, income, sales

(1) annual **turnover**, (2) high **turnover** rate

The bakery's **turnover** increased after it introduced a new line of pastries.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

separate

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

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

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.

moonshot

n. an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969

synonym: initiative, endeavor, pursuit

(1) AI **moonshot**, (2) **moonshot** idea

The company's **moonshot** project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.

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**.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym: aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem
The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym: ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

alphabet

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

synonym: ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

attempt

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

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

disrupt

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

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

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

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

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

commercialize

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

synonym: monetize, capitalize, marketize

(1) **commercialize** my patents, (2) **commercialize** idea

The company is trying to **commercialize** its new product.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

oxide

n. a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

(1) silver **oxide**, (2) combined **oxide**

The blood's red coloring comes from iron **oxide**.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym: sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

hydrogen

n. the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

(1) **hydrogen** gas, (2) heavy **hydrogen**

The **hydrogen** and the oxygen react and then form water.

hydrocarbon

n. an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

(1) **hydrocarbon** production, (2) **hydrocarbon** molecules in crude oil

Burning **hydrocarbons** releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

seawater

n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

synonym: saltwater, brine, ocean water

(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria

The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

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**.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym : advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

foghorn

n. a loud, deep horn or whistle used to signal to warn or to guide ships through foggy waters

synonym : horn, signal, whistle

(1) blaring **foghorn**, (2) coastal **foghorn**

The ship's captain ordered the **foghorn** to be sounded every 15 minutes in the dense fog.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym : cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

outset

n. the beginning of something

synonym : beginning, start, initiation

(1) month's **outset**, (2) the **outset** of the crisis

At the **outset** of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

workaround

n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

synonym : alternative, temporary fix, quick-fix

(1) **workaround** solution, (2) software **workaround**

When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick **workaround** to save my progress.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

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.

conscientious

adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

synonym: diligent, thorough, meticulous

(1) **conscientious** worker, (2) **conscientious** objection

Conscientious student always turned in their assignments on time.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

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

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

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair

judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

benchmark

n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance

synonym: standard, measure, gauge

(1) industry **benchmark**, (2) performance **benchmark**

The teacher used a **benchmark** to measure the progress of her students.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

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.

popcorn

n. a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack

synonym: popped corn, puffed corn, corn kernels

(1) a **popcorn** vendor, (2) **popcorn** kernels

We popped some **popcorn** and settled in to watch a movie.

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

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.

tackle

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

synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

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

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

regulatory

adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

synonym: regulative, managerial

(1) **regulatory** cells, (2) compliance with **regulatory** requirements

In the past, Japanese banks were protected by **regulatory** control.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

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.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

compass

n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

synonym: guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

fraught

adj. causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress

synonym: tense, anxious, stressed

(1) become increasingly **fraught**, (2) **fraught** with danger

The negotiations were **fraught** with challenges and setbacks.

pump

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

synonym: drain, inject, send

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

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

of him.

astronomical

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

synonym : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym : splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

inclined

adj. having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

synonym : disposed, prone, likely

(1) **inclined** to think, (2) **inclined** angle

I am **inclined** to believe that she is telling the truth.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action;
to advance or progress

synonym: advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

recommend

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

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

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

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

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was
plausible.

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and
dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and
columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a
spreadsheet

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

prone

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

synonym: inclined, susceptible, liable

(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea

He was **prone** to making rash decisions.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

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.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

diligent

adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

synonym : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym : ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas
He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

bonus

n. an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work

synonym: extra, perk, compensation

(1) **bonus** appraisal, (2) annual **bonus**

The committee abolished the controversial **bonus** system.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

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

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

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question **simultaneously**.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

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

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

misrepresent

v. to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone

synonym: distort, misinterpret, falsify

(1) **misrepresent** a company's policies, (2) **misrepresent** the situation

The article **misrepresents** the true intentions of the author's argument.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym:

dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym: metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good
synonym: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

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.

dandelion

n. a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine

synonym: blowball

(1) **dandelion** root, (2) **dandelion** tea

In the summer, fields are filled with yellow **dandelion** flowers.

geothermal

adj. relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth

synonym: underground, thermal, subterranean

(1) **geothermal** activity, (2) **geothermal** drilling

The town is exploring using **geothermal** energy to power its homes and buildings.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

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

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

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.

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym : brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

setback

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

synonym : obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

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

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

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the

accident.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

obstacle

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

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

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

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

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

wile

n. a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage

synonym: trickery, deceit, cunning

(1) cunning **wiles**, (2) deceptive **wile**

The criminal used his **wiles** to escape from the police several times.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow

groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

incredibly

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

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

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**.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym : hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym : choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

jeopardize

v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

synonym : endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

transmitter

n. a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals

synonym : sender

(1) a **transmitter** of a family line, (2) radio **transmitter**

This substance acts as a neural **transmitter** substance.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym : charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

sue

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

synonym : accuse, plead, file

(1) **sue** a company for damages, (2) **sue** my boss for harassment

He planned to **sue** the organization for negligence.

pineapple

n. tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack

synonym : ananas, tropical fruit, bromeliad

(1) ripe **pineapple**, (2) canned **pineapple**

I love to eat fresh **pineapple** in my fruit salad.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

Don

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

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

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

documentary

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

synonym : film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

courtesy

n. polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people

synonym : civility, politeness, respect

(1) **courtesy** call, (2) fail to show **courtesy**

Different cultures have different ways of expressing **courtesy**.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym: appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**

She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
2. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
3. 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
4. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
5. de___h you from the matter *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
6. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
7. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
8. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
9. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
10. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
11. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 1. humble, 2. tackle, 3. achieve, 4. government, 5. detach, 6. organization, 7. chief, 8. confer, 9. wisdom, 10. miserable, 11. ego

12. produce ta_____le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
13. do____m millionaire *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
14. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
15. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
16. una_____bly poor *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
17. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
18. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
19. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
20. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
21. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 12. tangible, 13. dotcom, 14. rank, 15. psyche, 16. unacceptably, 17. fuel, 18. responsible, 19. heroic, 20. flee, 21. rev

22. a tra_____er of a family line *n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
23. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
24. irr_____ive of his will *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
25. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
26. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
27. st_____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
28. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
29. da_____on tea *n.* a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine
30. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 22. transmitter, 23. evaluate, 24. irrespective, 25. blind, 26. disrupt, 27. start-up, 28. incentive, 29. dandelion, 30. mobilize

31. irr_____ive of age *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
32. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
33. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
34. d__p weather *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
35. be my go_____er at my christening *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
36. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
37. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
38. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
39. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 31. irrespective, 32. carbon, 33. talent, 34. damp, 35. godfather, 36. proposal, 37. extract, 38. climate, 39. prototype

40. a pro_____ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
41. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
42. 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
43. an al_____et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
44. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
45. se_____er bacteria *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
46. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
47. re_____nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
48. a me_____re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
49. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
50. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 40. problematic, 41. escalate, 42. economy, 43. alphabet, 44. collaboration, 45. seawater, 46. phenomenon, 47. reluctant, 48. mediocre, 49. entrepreneur, 50. entrepreneur

51. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
52. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
53. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
54. ho_____on destination *n.* a period of time, often a few weeks, immediately following a wedding during which the newlywed couple goes on a vacation or trip together to celebrate their marriage and spend time together as a couple
55. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
56. p__ks for repeat guests *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
57. a po_____n vendor *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
58. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
59. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
60. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
61. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 51. approve, 52. ceremony, 53. definitely, 54. honeymoon, 55. rip, 56. perk, 57. popcorn, 58. emotional, 59. principle, 60. outcome, 61. cancer

62. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
63. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
64. the ou___t of the crisis *n.* the beginning of something
65. listen to a po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
66. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
67. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
68. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
69. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
70. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
71. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
72. wa_____ty claim *n.* a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards

ANSWERS: 62. protagonist, 63. Don, 64. outset, 65. podcast, 66. miserable, 67.

unlikely, 68. amazing, 69. roll, 70. pioneer, 71. superpower, 72. warranty

82. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
83. annual tu____er *n.* the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage
84. com_____ize my patents *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
85. z_p bar code *v.* to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force
86. bo__s appraisal *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
87. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
88. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
89. me____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
90. emotional tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
91. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 82. ultimate, 83. turnover, 84. commercialize, 85. zap, 86. bonus, 87. disaster, 88. perspective, 89. mentor, 90. turbulence, 91. identity

92. month's ou__t *n.* the beginning of something
93. pu__e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
94. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
95. de__e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
96. gain pr____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
97. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
98. abs____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
99. sim____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
100. Al mo____ot *n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
101. high tu____er rate *n.* the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage

ANSWERS: 92. outset, 93. pursue, 94. awesome, 95. decide, 96. practical, 97. balance, 98. absolutely, 99. simultaneously, 100. moonshot, 101. turnover

102. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
103. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
104. pl____e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
105. reg____ry cells *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
106. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
107. collaborate with co____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
108. mis____ent a company's policies *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
109. have un____y eyes *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
110. banking an____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
111. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 102. renewable, 103. threat, 104. plunge, 105. regulatory, 106. advance, 107. colleague, 108. misrepresent, 109. uneasy, 110. analyst, 111. horizon

112. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
113. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
114. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
115. un_____k the door *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
116. D_n Giovanni *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
117. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
118. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
119. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
120. early-stage st_____up *n.* a newly established company or business
121. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

ANSWERS: 112. unlikely, 113. acknowledge, 114. promote, 115. unstick, 116. Don, 117. invite, 118. fundamental, 119. attach, 120. start-up, 121. breakthrough

122. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
123. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
124. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
125. a capillary t___e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
126. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
127. re_____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
128. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
129. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
130. jeo_____ze reputation *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

ANSWERS: 122. discovery, 123. strike, 124. invest, 125. tube, 126. problematic, 127. rebound, 128. pursue, 129. decision, 130. jeopardize

131. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
132. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
133. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
134. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
135. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
136. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
137. re_____d back into positive growth *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
138. it will ex____e *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
139. romantic ho_____on *n.* a period of time, often a few weeks, immediately following a wedding during which the newlywed couple goes on a vacation or trip together to celebrate their marriage and spend time together as a couple

ANSWERS: 131. apparently, 132. sink, 133. recommend, 134. separate, 135. flash, 136. courage, 137. rebound, 138. expire, 139. honeymoon

140. 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
141. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
142. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
143. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
144. ba_____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
145. an in_____le ink *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
146. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
147. ast_____cal numbers *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
148. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
149. in_____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
150. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
151. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 140. gallon, 141. simultaneously, 142. calculation, 143. phase, 144. balloon, 145. indelible, 146. norm, 147. astronomical, 148. interact, 149. invite, 150. folk, 151. compromise

152. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
153. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
154. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
155. agree to su____t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
156. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
157. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
158. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
159. pr____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
160. 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
161. 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

ANSWERS: 152. separate, 153. chief, 154. beam, 155. submit, 156. struggle, 157. reward, 158. therapy, 159. proceed, 160. explore, 161. persuade

162. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
163. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
164. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
165. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
166. re_____y a breach of the rules *v.* to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error
167. read a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
168. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
169. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
170. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
171. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 162. motivate, 163. complexity, 164. structure, 165. defend, 166. rectify, 167. compass, 168. persistent, 169. quitter, 170. identify, 171. amazing

172. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
173. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
174. ag_____e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
175. geo_____al activity *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
176. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
177. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
178. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
179. 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
180. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
181. get into the lu___y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

ANSWERS: 172. tackle, 173. protagonist, 174. agonize, 175. geothermal, 176. acknowledge, 177. unacceptably, 178. inevitable, 179. mechanism, 180. grant, 181. luxury

182. en____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
183. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
184. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
185. pe____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
186. co____sy call *n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
187. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
188. a person who has a ta____o *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
189. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
190. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
191. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 182. engaging, 183. pause, 184. progression, 185. persist, 186. courtesy, 187. emotion, 188. tattoo, 189. engage, 190. wealth, 191. launch

192. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
193. de____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
194. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
195. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
196. 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
197. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
198. as____s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
199. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 192. hire, 193. default, 194. opposition, 195. festival, 196. gallon, 197. unfortunately, 198. assess, 199. balance

200. ep____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
201. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
202. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
203. sc____d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
204. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
205. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
206. con____ous worker *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
207. ba____a skills *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
208. an in____e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
209. ex____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
210. an en____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
211. g__t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 200. episode, 201. beam, 202. suddenly, 203. scared, 204. possibility, 205. vision, 206. conscientious, 207. barista, 208. insane, 209. exclusive, 210. engaging, 211. grit

212. sailing without a co____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
213. dem____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
214. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
215. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
216. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
217. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
218. say def____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
219. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
220. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
221. en____e initials *v.* to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner

ANSWERS: 212. compass, 213. demonstrate, 214. grace, 215. flee, 216. straight, 217. opportune, 218. definitely, 219. invention, 220. improve, 221. engrave

222. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
223. mo_____ot idea *n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
224. 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.
225. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
226. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
227. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
228. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
229. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
230. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
231. ta_____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 222. commitment, 223. moonshot, 224. president, 225. broad, 226. opportune, 227. intern, 228. emotional, 229. studio, 230. draft, 231. tangible

232. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
233. 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
234. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
235. successful do___m *n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
236. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
237. an____ or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
238. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
239. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
240. ant____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
241. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 232. obsess, 233. trap, 234. attach, 235. dotcom, 236. firm, 237. ancestor, 238. hire, 239. colleague, 240. anticipate, 241. plunge

242. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
243. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
244. the fle_____ty of the body *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
245. sp___e snowfall *adj.* only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area
246. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
247. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
248. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
249. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
250. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
251. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
252. worker p__k *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
253. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 242. rethink, 243. immediately, 244. flexibility, 245. sparse, 246. rip, 247. complain, 248. employee, 249. software, 250. crucial, 251. analyze, 252. perk, 253. promote

254. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
255. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
256. com_____ize idea *v.* to make something available for sale or use on a large scale
257. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
258. 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
259. va___m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
260. in_____ed to think *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
261. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
262. fail to show co_____sy *n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
263. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 254. psyche, 255. anticipate, 256. commercialize, 257. wisdom, 258. explore, 259. vacuum, 260. inclined, 261. episode, 262. courtesy, 263. recognize

264. a sense of sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
265. annual bo__s *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
266. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
267. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
268. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
269. fabric of the je___y *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
270. ripe pi_____le *n.* tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
271. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
272. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
273. a television ad___t for the product *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
274. g__t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 264. satisfaction, 265. bonus, 266. lever, 267. approve, 268. emotion, 269. jersey, 270. pineapple, 271. fascinating, 272. eventually, 273. advert, 274. grit

275. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
276. un___y relationship *adj.* causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
277. w___y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
278. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
279. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
280. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
281. immediate sup_____or *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
282. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
283. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
284. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
285. a sexual u___e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 275. structure, 276. uneasy, 277. wary, 278. strategy, 279. propel, 280. unfortunately, 281. supervisor, 282. wealth, 283. digital, 284. nation, 285. urge

286. continuously sh____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
287. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
288. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
289. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
290. a well-ba_____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
291. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
292. a debt of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
293. deceptive w__e *n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage
294. ag_____e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
295. d__p cloth *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting

ANSWERS: 286. shifting, 287. possibility, 288. commerce, 289. prototype, 290. balanced, 291. threat, 292. gratitude, 293. wile, 294. agonize, 295. damp

296. walk do_____ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
297. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
298. performance be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
299. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
300. accident-pr__e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
301. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
302. pr__e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
303. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
304. de___h a ticket from its stub *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
305. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 296. downhill, 297. shifting, 298. benchmark, 299. rank, 300. prone, 301. complexity, 302. prone, 303. combine, 304. detach, 305. shorthand

306. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
307. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
308. cal_____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
309. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
310. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
311. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
312. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
313. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
314. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
315. he_____nt response *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
316. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 306. upset, 307. analyze, 308. calculation, 309. lever, 310. opposition, 311. obstacle, 312. stick, 313. concept, 314. industrious, 315. hesitant, 316. shorthand

317. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
318. historical an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
319. una_____le resource *adj.* not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted
320. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
321. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
322. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
323. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
324. combined ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
325. me_____p gathering *n.* a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest

ANSWERS: 317. insight, 318. analogy, 319. unavailable, 320. suit, 321. broaden, 322. chain, 323. inclusive, 324. oxide, 325. meet-up

326. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
327. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
328. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
329. a ba_____ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
330. ab_____e parent *adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
331. 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
332. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
333. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
334. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

ANSWERS: 326. sue, 327. decline, 328. attempt, 329. balanced, 330. abusive, 331. mechanism, 332. recession, 333. adversity, 334. phenomenon

335. di____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
336. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
337. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
338. va____m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
339. heavy hy____en *n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
340. ab____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
341. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 335. discount, 336. bold, 337. chase, 338. vacuum, 339. hydrogen, 340. abandon, 341. victim

342. 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
343. geo_____al drilling *adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
344. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
345. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
346. a spr_____et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
347. feelings of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
348. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
349. sh____e a book *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
350. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 342. economy, 343. geothermal, 344. relation, 345. invest, 346. spreadsheet, 347. gratitude, 348. accomplished, 349. shelve, 350. obvious

351. 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
352. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
353. hyd_____on molecules in crude oil *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
354. ga_____ht the public by denying the evidence *v.* to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light
355. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
356. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
357. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
358. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

ANSWERS: 351. diversity, 352. software, 353. hydrocarbon, 354. gaslight, 355. breakthrough, 356. ecosystem, 357. horizon, 358. flash

359. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
360. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
361. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
362. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
363. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
364. re_____y the situation *v.* to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error
365. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
366. co_____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
367. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
368. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 359. disaster, 360. discount, 361. rethink, 362. highlight, 363. solid, 364. rectify, 365. eventually, 366. confer, 367. ceremony, 368. mobilize

369. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
370. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
371. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
372. temporary ba____id fix *n.* a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing
373. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
374. ex___es next month *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
375. industry be____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
376. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
377. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 369. relation, 370. victim, 371. pun, 372. band-aid, 373. engage, 374. expire, 375. benchmark, 376. employee, 377. blind

378. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
379. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
380. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
381. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
382. me_____re performance *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
383. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
384. dis_____ent plan *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
385. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
386. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
387. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
388. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

ANSWERS: 378. principle, 379. photograph, 380. crucial, 381. overwhelming, 382. mediocre, 383. fuel, 384. disinvestment, 385. combine, 386. cancer, 387. perspective, 388. renewable

389. international film fe____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
390. have an aw____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
391. ev____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
392. a di____nt search of the files *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
393. ca____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
394. a photo st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
395. da____on root *n.* a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine
396. ad____e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
397. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 389. festival, 390. awesome, 391. evaluate, 392. diligent, 393. carbon, 394. studio, 395. dandelion, 396. admire, 397. bias

398. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
399. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
400. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
401. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
402. professional ba_____a *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
403. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
404. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
405. pe_____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
406. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 398. pump, 399. discovery, 400. demonstrate, 401. proceed, 402. barista, 403. romantic, 404. upset, 405. persist, 406. convince

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| 407. interstate co_____ce | <i>n.</i> | the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale |
| 408. the at_____t to rescue the hostages | <i>n.</i> | an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult |
| 409. id_____fy gene sequences | <i>v.</i> | to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are |
| 410. the c__e of an apple | <i>n.</i> | the most essential or fundamental part of something |
| 411. plug numbers into a spr_____et | <i>n.</i> | a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns |
| 412. struggling with ad_____ty | <i>n.</i> | difficulties or hardships that someone faces |
| 413. sp_____r a contest | <i>v.</i> | to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising |
| 414. hi_____ht a string in red | <i>v.</i> | to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention |
| 415. fun_____al education | <i>adj.</i> | forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected |
| 416. in_____ct directly with customers | <i>v.</i> | to communicate or react with somebody |
| 417. an aw__l error | <i>adj.</i> | causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant |
| 418. en_____e metal | <i>v.</i> | to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner |

ANSWERS: 407. commerce, 408. attempt, 409. identify, 410. core, 411. spreadsheet, 412. adversity, 413. sponsor, 414. highlight, 415. fundamental, 416. interact, 417. awful, 418. engrave

419. ba____id solution *n.* a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing
420. all ability to mo____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
421. ov____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
422. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
423. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
424. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
425. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
426. ove____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
427. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
428. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
429. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
430. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 419. band-aid, 420. motivate, 421. overnight, 422. therapy, 423. trend, 424. insane, 425. norm, 426. overwhelming, 427. folk, 428. proposal, 429. straight, 430. communal

431. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
432. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
433. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
434. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
435. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
436. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
437. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
438. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
439. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
440. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
441. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
442. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

ANSWERS: 431. fortunate, 432. practically, 433. bunch, 434. recession, 435. psychology, 436. apparently, 437. documentary, 438. fascinating, 439. setback, 440. grandparent, 441. abandon, 442. sponsor

443. social st___a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
444. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
445. sup_____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
446. affect ma_____l relations *adj.* of or relating to marriage
447. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
448. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
449. he_____nt to take action *adj.* unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision
450. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
451. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 443. stigma, 444. maximum, 445. superpower, 446. marital, 447. launch, 448. identity, 449. hesitant, 450. obstacle, 451. comparison

452. un_____k the pages of a book *v.* to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else
453. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
454. political go_____er *n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
455. coastal fo_____n *n.* a loud, deep horn or whistle used to signal to warn or to guide ships through foggy waters
456. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
457. fo____r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
458. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
459. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
460. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
461. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 452. unstick, 453. antidote, 454. godfather, 455. foghorn, 456. quitter, 457. foster, 458. strategy, 459. toxic, 460. immediately, 461. struggle

462. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
463. jeo_____ze safety *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
464. 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
465. 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
466. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
467. a ta___o artist *n.* a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design
468. mis_____ent the situation *v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
469. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 462. recognize, 463. jeopardize, 464. trap, 465. diversity, 466. comparison, 467. tattoo, 468. misrepresent, 469. stick

470. black-and-white bl__ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
471. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
472. letters of an al____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
473. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
474. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
475. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
476. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
477. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
478. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
479. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
480. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

ANSWERS: 470. bloom, 471. moral, 472. alphabet, 473. rid, 474. industrious, 475. firm, 476. disbeliever, 477. sink, 478. bloom, 479. moral, 480. resort

481. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
482. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
483. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
484. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
485. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
486. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
487. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
488. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 481. broad, 482. overnight, 483. communal, 484. photograph, 485. defend, 486. prospect, 487. pump, 488. suit

489. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
490. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
491. em_____er responsibility *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
492. dis_____ent strategy *n.* the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector
493. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
494. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
495. cunning w__es *n.* a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage
496. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
497. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
498. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
499. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
500. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
501. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

ANSWERS: 489. excite, 490. individual, 491. employer, 492. disinvestment, 493. relative, 494. incredible, 495. wile, 496. consume, 497. romantic, 498. setback, 499. advance, 500. ultimate, 501. schedule

502. sl___r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
503. ski do_____ll *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
504. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
505. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
506. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
507. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
508. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
509. a di_____nt person *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
510. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 502. sliver, 503. downhill, 504. convince, 505. inevitable, 506. inclusive, 507. persistent, 508. decision, 509. diligent, 510. intern

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| 511. ab____e behavior | <i>adj.</i> involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else |
| 512. ch__n reaction | <i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle |
| 513. at___d a meeting | <i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place |
| 514. do aw__l damage | <i>adj.</i> causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant |
| 515. get inc_____ly insecure | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely |
| 516. de___e on a course of action | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 517. as___s a tax of 10 pounds | <i>v.</i> to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something |
| 518. his conclusion was ob____s | <i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand |
| 519. a heavy sc_____le | <i>n.</i> a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done |
| 520. res_____le for a customer service | <i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management |
| 521. a glass t__e | <i>n.</i> a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape |

ANSWERS: 511. abusive, 512. chain, 513. attend, 514. awful, 515. incredibly, 516. decide, 517. assess, 518. obvious, 519. schedule, 520. responsible, 521. tube

522. sh___e a bill *v.* to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
523. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
524. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
525. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
526. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
527. planned ge_____y *n.* a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture
528. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
529. software wor_____nd *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
530. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
531. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 522. shelve, 523. trend, 524. reward, 525. wary, 526. suddenly, 527. getaway, 528. triumph, 529. workaround, 530. urge, 531. pun

532. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
533. silver ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
534. 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
535. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
536. je___y material *n.* a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover
537. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
538. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
539. hyd_____on production *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
540. me_____p area *n.* a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest

ANSWERS: 532. organization, 533. oxide, 534. process, 535. insight, 536. jersey, 537. athlete, 538. collective, 539. hydrocarbon, 540. meet-up

541. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
542. radio tra_____er *n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
543. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
544. compliance with reg_____ry requirements *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
545. extended wa_____ty *n.* a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards
546. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
547. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
548. con_____ous objection *adj.* characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions
549. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

ANSWERS: 541. climate, 542. transmitter, 543. bet, 544. regulatory, 545. warranty, 546. absolutely, 547. practical, 548. conscientious, 549. athlete

550. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
551. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
552. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
553. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
554. un_____ut his effort *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
555. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
556. se_____er pollution *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
557. re___t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
558. romantic ge_____y *n.* a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture
559. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 550. bias, 551. strike, 552. outcome, 553. essentially, 554. undercut, 555. consume, 556. seawater, 557. regret, 558. getaway, 559. recommend

560. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
561. canned pi_____le *n.* tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
562. 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
563. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
564. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
565. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
566. pr_____s improvement *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
567. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
568. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 560. refuse, 561. pineapple, 562. achieve, 563. foster, 564. draft, 565. rid, 566. process, 567. appreciate, 568. talent

569. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
570. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
571. ma_____l fidelity *adj.* of or relating to marriage
572. an in_____le disgrace *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
573. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
574. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
575. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
576. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
577. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
578. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 569. courage, 570. nation, 571. marital, 572. indelible, 573. stigma, 574. prospect, 575. essentially, 576. complain, 577. invention, 578. environment

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| 579. c__e business activity | <i>n.</i> the most essential or fundamental part of something |
| 580. learn new co_____ts | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract |
| 581. ba_____n ride | <i>n.</i> a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated |
| 582. pr___l growth | <i>v.</i> to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force |
| 583. app_____te her feedback | <i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone |
| 584. at___d service | <i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place |
| 585. cannot com_____se anymore | <i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession |
| 586. acc_____hed at a very early age | <i>adj.</i> having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something |
| 587. r__l down his cheeks | <i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |
| 588. pa__e a moment | <i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing |
| 589. re_____ve factors | <i>adj.</i> considered and evaluated through comparison with something else |
| 590. inc_____le amount | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |

ANSWERS: 579. core, 580. concept, 581. balloon, 582. propel, 583. appreciate, 584. attend, 585. compromise, 586. accomplished, 587. roll, 588. pause, 589. relative, 590. incredible

591. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
592. mental fle_____ty *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
593. football po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
594. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
595. victim of fr___d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
596. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
597. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
598. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
599. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
600. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
601. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 591. celebrate, 592. flexibility, 593. podcast, 594. broaden, 595. fraud, 596. toxic, 597. humble, 598. solid, 599. bunch, 600. documentary, 601. ecosystem

602. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
603. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
604. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
605. hy_____en gas *n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
606. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
607. re___t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
608. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
609. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
610. un_____ut a vein of ore *v.* to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something
611. blaring fo_____n *n.* a loud, deep horn or whistle used to signal to warn or to guide ships through foggy waters

ANSWERS: 602. ego, 603. ancestor, 604. independence, 605. hydrogen, 606. fraud, 607. resort, 608. progression, 609. independence, 610. undercut, 611. foghorn

621. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
622. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
623. draw an____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
624. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
625. 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
626. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
627. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
628. ma____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
629. sc____d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
630. col____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 621. military, 622. digital, 623. analogy, 624. military, 625. develop, 626. vision, 627. individual, 628. maximum, 629. scared, 630. collaboration

631. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
632. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
633. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
634. una_____le option *adj.* not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted
635. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
636. senior research an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
637. in_____ed angle *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 631. default, 632. disrupt, 633. antidote, 634. unavailable, 635. label, 636. analyst, 637. inclined

638. illegal em____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
639. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
640. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
641. botanical ex____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
642. wor_____nd solution *n.* a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations
643. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
644. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
645. su___t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
646. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

ANSWERS: 638. employer, 639. bet, 640. government, 641. extract, 642. workaround, 643. admire, 644. dawn, 645. submit, 646. regret

647. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
648. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
649. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
650. tr____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
651. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
652. ast_____cal observation *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
653. s_e my boss for harassment *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
654. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
655. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
656. 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
657. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 647. disbeliever, 648. obsess, 649. rev, 650. triumph, 651. bold, 652. astronomical, 653. sue, 654. dawn, 655. commitment, 656. persuade, 657. fortunate

658. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
659. 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
660. become increasingly fr_____t *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
661. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
662. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
663. lu____y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
664. a sp____e population *adj.* only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area
665. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
666. po_____n kernels *n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
667. ga_____ht district *v.* to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light

ANSWERS: 658. alternative, 659. develop, 660. fraught, 661. grant, 662. turbulence, 663. luxury, 664. sparse, 665. practically, 666. popcorn, 667. gaslight

668. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
669. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
670. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
671. slowly becoming more re_____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
672. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
673. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
674. sup_____or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
675. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
676. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
677. fr_____t with danger *adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
678. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
679. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
680. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother

ANSWERS: 668. improve, 669. excite, 670. initial, 671. reluctant, 672. celebrate, 673. psychology, 674. supervisor, 675. environment, 676. refuse, 677. fraught, 678. alternative, 679. collective, 680. grandparent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
2. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
3. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
4. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
5. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
6. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.
n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
7. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
8. This substance acts as a neural _____ substance.
n. a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals

ANSWERS: 1. anticipate, 2. obsessed, 3. pioneer, 4. maximum, 5. practical, 6. ceremony, 7. festival, 8. transmitter

9. 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
10. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
11. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
12. The wealthy businessman acted as a _____ to his protege, helping him to succeed in his career.
- n.* a male godparent who witnesses a child's baptism and accepts a spiritual responsibility for their upbringing; a trusted mentor or advisor who has significant influence and offers support and guidance in personal or professional matters
13. His reckless behavior could _____ his chances of getting hired for the job.
- v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
14. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
15. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 9. persuade, 10. bold, 11. superpower, 12. godfather, 13. jeopardize, 14. absolutely, 15. talents

16. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
17. The teacher used a _____ to measure the progress of her students.
- n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
18. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
19. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
20. The teacher's _____ language towards the students was unacceptable.
- adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
21. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
22. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
- n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 16. rev, 17. benchmark, 18. cancer, 19. fuel, 20. abusive, 21. decision, 22. prototype

23. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.
n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
24. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
25. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
26. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
27. 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
28. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
29. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
30. The company's decision to engage in _____ led to a reduction in its overall portfolio.
n. the act of reducing or withdrawing the amount of money you have provided in a particular area or sector

ANSWERS: 23. satisfaction, 24. engaged, 25. quitter, 26. rewards, 27. balanced, 28. refuse, 29. appreciate, 30. disinvestment

31. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

32. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

33. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

34. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

35. The ____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

36. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

37. I ____ that you know it.

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

38. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 31. straight, 32. fascinating, 33. demonstrate, 34. government, 35. firm, 36. Entrepreneurs, 37. bet, 38. launch

39. He was _____ about the situation and didn't know what to do.
adj. causing or feeling anxiety or discomfort
40. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
41. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
42. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
43. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
44. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.
n. a newly established company or business
45. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
46. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
47. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 39. uneasy, 40. norms, 41. complaining, 42. escalated, 43. wealth, 44. start-up, 45. incredibly, 46. Essentially, 47. commerce

48. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
49. The _____ at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.
n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
50. He won an award for that short _____.
n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
51. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
52. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
53. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
54. 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.
55. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 48. digital, 49. barista, 50. documentary, 51. obstacle, 52. flee, 53. victim, 54. president, 55. carbon

56. Our company hires _____ of national origin.

adv. without taking something into account; regardless of

57. 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

58. There is a _____ area between galaxies.

adj. only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area

59. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

60. 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

61. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

62. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

63. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 56. irrespective, 57. invest, 58. sparse, 59. scared, 60. develop, 61. fortunate, 62. ego, 63. progression

64. The nobler, the more _____.

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

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

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

66. She was _____ to speak in public but eventually overcame her fear.

adj. unsure or uncertain about what to do or how to act; reluctant or unwilling to take action or make a decision

67. We must ___ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

68. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

69. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

adj. constantly changing or moving

70. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

71. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

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

ANSWERS: 64. humble, 65. stick, 66. hesitant, 67. rid, 68. granted, 69. shifting, 70. exclusive, 71. fraud

72. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
73. A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate ____.
- n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
74. Burning _____ releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.
- n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
75. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
76. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
77. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
- adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
78. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
79. The manufacturer's _____ on my new laptop is valid for one year.
- n.* a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards

ANSWERS: 72. individual, 73. perk, 74. hydrocarbons, 75. psychology, 76. inevitable, 77. toxic, 78. structure, 79. warranty

80. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.
- n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
81. We popped some _____ and settled in to watch a movie.
- n.* a type of corn that expands and puffs up when heated, often used for making a snack
82. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.
- n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
83. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
84. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
85. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
86. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
87. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 80. psyche, 81. popcorn, 82. mentor, 83. nation, 84. bias, 85. insane, 86. discovery, 87. extracting

88. Our company took out a big _____ next to the highway.
v. an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
89. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
90. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
91. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
92. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
93. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
94. The castle was _____ several years later.
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
95. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
96. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.
n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 88. advert, 89. opportune, 90. advance, 91. pun, 92. combine, 93. analyze, 94. abandoned, 95. pursue, 96. discount

97. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

98. The _____ and the oxygen react and then form water.

- n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

99. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.

- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

100. He _____ over whether to accept the job offer.

- v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

101. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.

- n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

102. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

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

103. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

104. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.

- adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 97. rank, 98. hydrogen, 99. propel, 100. agonized, 101. alphabet, 102. tackle, 103. sponsors, 104. awful

105. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

106. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

107. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

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

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

109. The criminal used his _____ to escape from the police several times.

n. a trick or cunning stratagem used to deceive or manipulate someone; cleverness or ingenuity used to achieve a goal or advantage

110. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

111. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

112. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

ANSWERS: 105. attend, 106. invite, 107. athlete, 108. separate, 109. wiles, 110. responsible, 111. assess, 112. amazing

113. He wanted to _____ his wedding ring with their initials as a lasting symbol of their love.
- v. to carve, cut, or etch a design, message, or image onto a surface, often using a sharp tool or laser; to permanently record or mark something in a lasting manner
114. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
115. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
116. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
117. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
118. Considering the recent increase in interest rates, we must _____ our plans to buy a new house.
- v. to put or arrange something, especially books, on a shelf; to decide not to take action on something either for a short time or permanently
119. I had to use a knife to _____ the envelope from the table.
- v. to free something that is stuck or adhering to something else

ANSWERS: 113. engrave, 114. alternative, 115. celebrated, 116. label, 117. identity, 118. shelve, 119. unstick

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

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

121. She left an _____ mark on our country's literature.

- adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

122. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

123. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

124. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

- n.* a great victory or achievement

125. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

- n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

126. The oil price continued their downward _____.

- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing

127. 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

ANSWERS: 120. motivate, 121. indelible, 122. Communal, 123. possibility, 124. triumph, 125. grace, 126. trend, 127. explore

128. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
129. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
130. 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
131. His business _____ took him to the United States.
- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
132. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
133. 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
134. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
- v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
135. 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

ANSWERS: 128. comparison, 129. rethink, 130. economy, 131. commitments, 132. concept, 133. mechanisms, 134. convince, 135. process

136. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

- n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

137. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.

- n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

138. The passage of the bill is _____.

- adj.* not probable or likely to happen

139. She is the president of a large international _____.

- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

140. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

141. 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

142. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

143. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

- adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 136. shorthand, 137. therapy, 138. unlikely, 139. organization, 140. relatives, 141. vacuum, 142. interned, 143. inclusive

144. The police are still searching for the suspect's _____ vehicle.
- n.* a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture
145. She has a lot of _____ and determination to succeed.
- n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
146. The family's finances have been going _____ since they lost their main source of income.
- adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
147. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
- n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
148. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
149. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
150. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
- n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
151. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 144. getaway, 145. grit, 146. downhill, 147. stigma, 148. improve, 149. admire, 150. draft, 151. rolled

152. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

153. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

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

154. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

155. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

156. 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

157. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

158. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

159. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

160. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 152. blind, 153. ancestor, 154. apparently, 155. unfortunately, 156. employee, 157. miserable, 158. chief, 159. highlighted, 160. insights

161. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

162. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

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

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

164. The store is _____ empty.

adv. almost or nearly

165. The blood's red coloring comes from iron _____.

n. a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

166. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

167. I cut my finger, so I put a _____ on the wound.

n. a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing

168. The committee abolished the controversial _____ system.

n. an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work

ANSWERS: 161. awesome, 162. sliver, 163. decide, 164. practically, 165. oxide, 166. crucial, 167. band-aid, 168. bonus

169. The _____ boom of the late 1990s changed the landscape of the tech industry forever.
- n.* a company or business that primarily operates on the Internet or has a web-based presence, particularly during the late 1990s and early 2000s when the Internet was a new and rapidly growing industry
170. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
171. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.
- adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
172. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
173. He tried to _____ her into believing that she was the one who caused the argument.
- v.* to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light
174. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
175. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
- n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

ANSWERS: 169. dotcom, 170. engaging, 171. unacceptably, 172. disrupt, 173. gaslight, 174. promote, 175. protagonist's

176. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.

- n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

177. We _____ taking media training every six months.

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

178. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.

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

179. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

- n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

180. In the past, Japanese banks were protected by _____ control.

- adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

181. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.

- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

182. The desalination plant turned _____ into drinking water through a complex process.

- n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

ANSWERS: 176. balloon, 177. recommend, 178. pump, 179. antidote, 180. regulatory, 181. turbulence, 182. seawater

183. She felt _____ after finishing her book.

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

184. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

185. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

186. Different cultures have different ways of expressing _____.

n. polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people

187. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

188. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

189. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

190. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 183. accomplished, 184. tube, 185. struggle, 186. courtesy, 187. strategy, 188. urged, 189. broad, 190. beam

191. The company's _____ project aims to develop a revolutionary new technology within a tight deadline.
- n.* an ambitious, risky, and innovative project or goal, especially one that is intended to bring about radical change or breakthroughs in a particular field or industry, often inspired by the lunar landing mission of Apollo 11 in 1969
192. The clothes were still _____ after being in the dryer for an hour.
- adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
193. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
194. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.
- adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
195. The town is exploring using _____ energy to power its homes and buildings.
- adj.* relating to or produced by the internal heat of the earth; often used to refer to energy produced by tapping into the natural heat of the earth
196. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
197. Our _____ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.
- n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
198. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.
- v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

ANSWERS: 191. moonshot, 192. damp, 193. cores, 194. reluctant, 195. geothermal, 196. courage, 197. podcast, 198. regret

199. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

200. _____ student always turned in their assignments on time.

adj. characterized by a sense of duty or responsibility; diligent, meticulous, and careful in one's work or actions

201. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

202. 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

203. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

204. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

205. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

206. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 199. flash, 200. Conscientious, 201. emotions, 202. military, 203. vision, 204. collaboration, 205. simultaneously, 206. recognize

207. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

208. He was _____ to making rash decisions.

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

209. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

210. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

211. She _____ the trailer from the truck before driving away.

v. to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

212. I always wear my favorite basketball player's _____ to the games.

n. a knitted garment typically made of wool or cotton, worn as a shirt or pullover

213. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

214. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

215. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 207. suddenly, 208. prone, 209. incentive, 210. bunch, 211. detached, 212. jersey, 213. lever, 214. industrious, 215. outcome

216. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

217. The company _____ its competitors by offering lower prices.

v. to sell goods or services at a lower price than a competitor; to cut away the underpart of something

218. I love to eat fresh _____ in my fruit salad.

n. tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack

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

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

220. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

221. 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

222. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

223. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

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

ANSWERS: 216. incredible, 217. undercut, 218. pineapple, 219. ecosystem, 220. suits, 221. relations, 222. interact, 223. identify

224. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
225. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
226. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
227. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
228. I have to check with my _____ before making any changes.
n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others
229. He could never go against what ____ Carlos said.
n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
230. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
231. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 224. independence, 225. upset, 226. declines, 227. overnight, 228. supervisor, 229. Don, 230. persist, 231. broadened

232. The company is trying to _____ its new product.

v. to make something available for sale or use on a large scale

233. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

234. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

235. 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

236. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

237. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

238. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

239. Please _____ the assignment to me.

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 232. commercialize, 233. proposal, 234. collective, 235. achieve, 236. employer's, 237. adversity, 238. luxury, 239. submit

240. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

241. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

242. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

243. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

244. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

245. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

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

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

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

247. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

248. At the _____ of the project, we encountered several obstacles.

n. the beginning of something

ANSWERS: 240. moral, 241. romantic, 242. paused, 243. analogy, 244. gratitude, 245. confer, 246. balance, 247. definitely, 248. outset

249. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

250. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

251. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.

- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

252. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.

- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

253. The _____ of water is called ice.

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

254. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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

255. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.

- n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

256. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

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

ANSWERS: 249. invention, 250. compromised, 251. evaluate, 252. sink, 253. solid-state, 254. photograph, 255. bloom, 256. principle

257. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

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

258. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.

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

259. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

260. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

261. Any activity on the Internet will be stored as a digital _____ for life.

n. a form of body modification made by inserting ink, dyes, or pigments, either permanent or temporary, into the skin to form a design

262. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

263. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

264. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

ANSWERS: 257. folk, 258. problematic, 259. eventually, 260. strike, 261. tattoo, 262. tangible, 263. emotional, 264. breakthroughs

265. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
266. The _____ detective investigated all clues.
adj. showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
267. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
268. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
269. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
270. He planned to _____ the organization for negligence.
v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
271. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
272. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

ANSWERS: 265. grandparents, 266. diligent, 267. setback, 268. studio, 269. attempt, 270. sue, 271. heroic, 272. resort

273. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.

- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

274. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

- v.* to give somebody a job

275. I am _____ to believe that she is telling the truth.

- adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

276. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

277. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.

- v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

278. The bakery's _____ increased after it introduced a new line of pastries.

- n.* the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage

279. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

- adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

280. 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: 273. spreadsheet, 274. hire, 275. inclined, 276. perspective, 277. rebounded, 278. turnover, 279. overwhelming, 280. initial

281. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
282. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
283. The negotiations were _____ with challenges and setbacks.
- adj.* causing, accompanied by, or full of anxiety, tension, or stress
284. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
285. 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
286. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 281. software, 282. prospect, 283. fraught, 284. plunged, 285. trap, 286. default

287. The article _____ the true intentions of the author's argument.
- v.* to present a false or misleading interpretation or impression of something or someone
288. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
289. 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
290. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
- n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
291. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
- adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
292. 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
293. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
294. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 287. misrepresents, 288. fostering, 289. diversity, 290. episode, 291. wary, 292. gallon, 293. fundamental, 294. wisdom

295. A rainbow is a natural _____.

- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

296. I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it _____.

- v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.

297. The cost of the new equipment was _____ and beyond the company's budget.

- adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

298. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

- adv.* now or without delay

299. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.

- n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

300. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

301. We have a _____ to discuss the new project this weekend.

- n.* a gathering or social event organized through the internet for people who share a common interest

302. The results were beyond our _____ of imagination.

- n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

ANSWERS: 295. phenomenon, 296. expired, 297. astronomical, 298. immediately, 299. calculation, 300. consume, 301. meet-up, 302. compass

303. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.

- v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

304. During transit, the stuff may ____ off the luggage tag.

- v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

305. We dealt with those problems with speed and _____.

- n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

306. We went to Hawaii for our _____ and had a wonderful time.

- n.* a period of time, often a few weeks, immediately following a wedding during which the newlywed couple goes on a vacation or trip together to celebrate their marriage and spend time together as a couple

307. He never _____ his fault.

- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

308. In the summer, fields are filled with yellow _____ flowers.

- n.* a common weed with a bright yellow flower and deeply notched leaves that is often seen growing in lawns and other grassy areas; its leaves can be eaten as a salad green, and its roots are sometimes used in herbal medicine

309. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.

- n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

310. More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their _____ problems.

- adj.* of or relating to marriage

ANSWERS: 303. proceed, 304. rip, 305. flexibility, 306. honeymoon, 307. acknowledged, 308. dandelion, 309. schedule, 310. marital

311. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
312. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
313. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
- adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
314. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
315. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.
- n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
316. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
317. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
318. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

ANSWERS: 311. horizon, 312. threat, 313. persistent, 314. disaster, 315. phase, 316. excited, 317. obvious, 318. chain

319. The professor is currently _____ but will respond to your email as soon as possible

adj. not able to be used or accessed; not present, able to be found, or able to be contacted

320. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

321. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

322. The _____ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

323. When the software crashed, I had to devise a quick _____ to save my progress.

n. a temporary or unconventional solution to a problem or issue that enables progress or completion of a task despite obstacles or limitations

324. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

325. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

326. We need to _____ the errors before submitting the report.

v. to correct or make right something that is wrong, mistaken, or defective; to remedy or fix a problem or error

ANSWERS: 319. unavailable, 320. ultimate, 321. approve, 322. analyst, 323. workaround, 324. renewable, 325. complexity, 326. rectify

327. He was considered a _____ artist compared to others in his field.

adj. of only average quality; not very good

328. 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

329. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

330. The military _____ troops to the border.

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

331. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

332. They provided allies with powerful weapons that could ____ the enemy from thousands of miles away.

v. to strike, destroy, get rid of, or kill something or someone suddenly and with force

333. The ship's captain ordered the _____ to be sounded every 15 minutes in the dense fog.

n. a loud, deep horn or whistle used to signal to warn or to guide ships through foggy waters

ANSWERS: 327. mediocre, 328. environment, 329. chased, 330. mobilized, 331. disbeliever, 332. zap, 333. foghorn

334. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
335. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
336. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
337. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
338. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
339. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
340. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

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