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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

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.

remotely

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

synonym: distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers

for troubleshooting purposes.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

undercover

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

synonym: covert, hidden, stealthy

(1) **undercover** operation, (2) **undercover** journalist

The **undercover** police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

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.

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.

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.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

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.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym: accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

well-worn

adj. showing the signs of frequent use or wear; familiar from repeated use or experience

synonym: used, shabby, frayed

(1) **well-worn** book, (2) **well-worn** phrase

The **well-worn** path through the forest led to the summit of the mountain.

blacklist

n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

synonym: ban, exclusion, proscription

(1) banking **blacklist**, (2) personal **blacklist**

The software uses a robust **blacklist** to prevent access to

malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

screenplay

n. a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production

synonym : script, scenario, manuscript

(1) **screenplay** writer, (2) best adapted **screenplay** prize

The **screenplay** for the new movie is currently in development.

insider

n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

synonym : mole, privileged person

(1) **insider** trading, (2) company **insider**

He's a Wall Street **insider** with a lot of valuable information.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym : writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym : agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

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.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**
He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

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**.

screenwriter

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym: scriptwriter, playwright

(1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**
The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym: worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**
She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

triage

n. the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

synonym: sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) **triage** system, (2) **triage** nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

rely

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

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

oversea

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

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

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

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

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

conform

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

synonym: comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects

The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

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

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**

She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

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.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

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

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

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

celebrity

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

synonym : figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

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.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym : revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym : school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

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.

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.

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.

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.

reputable

adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

synonym : respectable, honorable, esteemed

(1) **reputable** company, (2) **reputable** source

I only trust certified mechanics from **reputable** auto shops to work on my car.

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

synonym : studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

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.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

affinity

n. a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption

synonym : liking, attraction, fondness

(1) **affinity** group, (2) have a high **affinity**

He has a strong **affinity** for music and plays multiple instruments.

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.

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.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to
justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make
someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the
meeting.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an
abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or
guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

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

child

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

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something;
showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym : hardship, complication, problem

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

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

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym : disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

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

I'm **scared** of insects.

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.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym : implied, unstated, hinted

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

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

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.

innocuous

adj. not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

synonym : harmless, innocent, benign

(1) **innocuous** joke, (2) **innocuous** substance

The spider in the corner of the room seemed **innocuous**, but it made her uneasy.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym : awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym : arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

doe *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

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.

probable *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

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.

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**.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

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.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

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.

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.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

meritocratic

adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

synonym : merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation
The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

gratify

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

synonym : please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity
I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something
synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

instinctively

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

synonym: inherently, intuitively, naturally

(1) **instinctively** grabbed the knife, (2) **instinctively** bad with children

Some researchers claim that even humans can **instinctively** sense earthquakes.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym : fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

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.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym : commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

neologism

n. a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined

synonym : new word, coinage

(1) **neologism** creation, (2) **neologism** in marketing
Selfie is a relatively recent **neologism** widely used in popular culture.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

analytics

n. the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis

synonym: data analysis, statistics

(1) major in **analytics**, (2) **analytics** tools
Advanced **analytics** is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation
This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

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.

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.

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.

rustic

adj. relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm

synonym : rural, pastoral, bucolic

(1) **rustic** cuisine, (2) **rustic** farmhouse

The bed and breakfast had a **rustic** charm that appealed to visitors.

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.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym : defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

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.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
synonym: question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
synonym: selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

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

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

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
synonym: break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew
synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities
They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

requirement

n. something that is needed or wanted
synonym: prerequisite, provision, condition

(1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement**
What is the entry **requirement** for this course?

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public;
by the government
synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed
schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of
the economic crisis.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or
something will be successful
synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business
conditions.

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**.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**
She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

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.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content
His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

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.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym : declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

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.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym : channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

laurel

n. an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment

synonym : wreath, crown, garland

(1) **laurel** wreath, (2) noble **laurel**

The athlete wore a **laurel** wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

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.

likelihood

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

synonym : probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive**

layoffs.

affirmative

adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

synonym: positive, confirming, approving

(1) **affirmative** decision, (2) **affirmative** action

The teacher gave an **affirmative** nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

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.

eligible

adj. having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria

synonym: qualified, suitable, acceptable

(1) **eligible** candidates, (2) **eligible** for a refund

All those **eligible** will receive a substantial amount of money.

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**.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

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.

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.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

awe

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

synonym : wonder, amazement, reverence

(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation

The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

advocate

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

synonym :

proponent, exponent, promoter

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

advocates

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

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym: branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

mist

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

synonym: fog, murk, haze

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

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

disrespect

n. an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something

synonym: impoliteness, rudeness, insult

(1) mean no **disrespect**, (2) **disrespect** for a customer

His **disrespectful** behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym: hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

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.

saccharin

n. a white, crystalline powder with a sweet taste that is used as a zero-calorie artificial sweetener in various food and beverage products

synonym: artificial sweetener

(1) **saccharin** sodium, (2) **saccharin** tablets

The chemical structure of **saccharin** is similar to that of sugar, but it is much sweeter.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym: total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

pretentious

adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

synonym : ostentatious, showy, pompous

(1) **pretentious** behavior, (2) **pretentious** language

The **pretentious** guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym : coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym : tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

entertaining

adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

synonym : amusing, diverting, engaging

(1) **entertaining** puppet show, (2) very **entertaining** book

The magician's act was **entertaining** and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

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.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman

strength and flying ability.

franchise

n. a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election

synonym : dealership, enterprise, suffrage

(1) **franchise** agreement, (2) **franchise** owner

The fast-food **franchise** kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym : panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym : contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

displacement

n. the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : eviction, exile, exodus

(1) **displacement** camp, (2) a car with 1800 cc

displacement

The **displacement** of the residents was a consequence of the construction of the new highway.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym : settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

climactic

adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

synonym : pivotal, critical, decisive

(1) **climactic** chapter, (2) **climactic** moment

The **climactic** battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym : torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym : railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

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.

diminution

n. a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

synonym : reduction, decrease, decline

(1) **diminution** of interest, (2) **diminution** of quality

The loss of an important client caused a **diminution** in the company's reputation.

indie

adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

synonym: independent, alternative, underground

(1) **indie** music, (2) **indie** film

This restaurant is known for its **indie** approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

creed

n. a system of beliefs or principles

synonym: doctrine, belief, principle

(1) political **creed**, (2) **creed** of faith

The **creed** of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

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.

exhilarate

v. to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria

synonym: excite, stimulate, invigorate

(1) **exhilarate** the crowd, (2) **exhilarate** the audience

The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can **exhilarate** those who love the great outdoors

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

marquee

n. a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater

synonym : tent, pavilion, canopy

(1) **marquee** lighting, (2) outdoor **marquee**

The **marquee** at the festival had a lineup of popular music artists.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym : allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym : buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

transport

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

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**
Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

church

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

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

sacred

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

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

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

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

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

multiplex

n. a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

synonym : multiplexer, complex, cinema

(1) **multiplex** telegraphy, (2) **multiplex** DNA analysis

The new **multiplex** cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.

mall

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

synonym : shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym : by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

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.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

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**.

wherein

adv. in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

(1) progress to a level **wherein**, (2) **wherein** he is mistaken

The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, **wherein** they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

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.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym:

practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies
She is the **virtual** president of the company.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

byword

n. a word or phrase that has become widely known and recognized as a symbol of a particular quality or characteristic; a person who is widely known for a particular trait or characteristic

synonym: proverb, epitome, representation

(1) the **byword** in the industry, (2) **byword** for luxury

The company's exceptional customer service has become a **byword** for excellence.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

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

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

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym:

bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

appreciative

adj. expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

synonym : grateful, thankful, pleased

(1) **appreciative** audience, (2) **appreciative** nod

The teacher was **appreciative** of the student's dedication and hard work.

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym : ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym : regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

substantive

adj. having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence

synonym : powerful, significant, meaningful

(1) **substantive** change, (2) **substantive** conversation

The researchers presented **substantive** evidence to support their claims rather than relying on conjecture.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

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.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym : hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

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.

attract

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

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

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

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

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.

sharply

adv. suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

synonym : dashingly, smartly, snappily

(1) **sharply** questioned, (2) drop **sharply**

The value of our house rose **sharply** last year.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**
Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym: burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**
You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym: aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection
She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

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.

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
synonym: enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

patience

n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

synonym: forbearance, endurance, tolerance

(1) test my **patience**, (2) show **patience**

Healing a broken heart requires **patience**, as it takes time to heal.

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.

figurative

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

synonym: metaphorical, symbolic, allegorical

(1) in a **figurative** sense, (2) **figurative** painting

When he said he was starving to death, it was a **figurative** way of saying he was very hungry.

judge

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

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

disapproval

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

synonym: condemnation, reproach, censure

(1) showing **disapproval**, (2) **disapproval** rate

Her **disapproval** of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

honor

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

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

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

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

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.

dot

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

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. an ab____te must
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
2. hour of ent_____ent
n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
3. la___l wreath
n. an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
4. pro_____on of disease
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
5. de_____e this prize
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
6. have si_____ly great abilities
adv. in almost the same way
7. water flowing und_____nd
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
8. in__e film
adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture
9. art cr___c
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. absolute, 2. entertainment, 3. laurel, 4. progression, 5. deserve, 6. similarly, 7. underground, 8. indie, 9. critic

10. have as____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
11. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
12. pa____r habitat *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
13. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
14. in a_e of the situation *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
15. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
16. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
17. not no____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
18. in____us joke *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
19. co____y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 10. aspiring, 11. communal, 12. panther, 13. brain, 14. awe, 15. improve, 16. merit, 17. normally, 18. innocuous, 19. comedy

20. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
21. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
22. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
23. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
24. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
25. an et_____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
26. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
27. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
28. di_____fy energy sources *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
29. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

ANSWERS: 20. collaboration, 21. transport, 22. critic, 23. judge, 24. contribute, 25. ethical, 26. honor, 27. aspire, 28. diversify, 29. greatly

30. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
31. baseball ce_____ty *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
32. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
33. 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
34. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
35. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
36. 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
37. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
38. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
39. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
40. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 30. religion, 31. celebrity, 32. rely, 33. inclusive, 34. frank, 35. grant, 36. diversity, 37. rip, 38. convention, 39. gross, 40. torture

41. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
42. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
43. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
44. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
45. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
46. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
48. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
49. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
50. dim_____on of interest *n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
51. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

ANSWERS: 41. alien, 42. dot, 43. constant, 44. advocate, 45. industrious, 46. opportune, 47. tackle, 48. fundamental, 49. overcome, 50. diminution, 51. merit

52. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
53. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
54. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
55. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
56. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
57. app_____ive audience *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
58. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
59. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
60. 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

ANSWERS: 52. talented, 53. ecosystem, 54. commerce, 55. constantly, 56. absolute, 57. appreciative, 58. storytelling, 59. anticipate, 60. default

61. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
62. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
63. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
64. aff_____ve decision *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
65. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
66. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
67. dis_____ct for a customer *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
68. 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
69. mer_____tic evaluation *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
70. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
71. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 61. compelling, 62. rot, 63. apocalyptic, 64. affirmative, 65. incredibly, 66. corporate, 67. disrespect, 68. dotcom, 69. meritocratic, 70. storytelling, 71. collaboration

72. by___d for luxury *n.* a word or phrase that has become widely known and recognized as a symbol of a particular quality or characteristic; a person who is widely known for a particular trait or characteristic
73. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
74. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
75. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
76. sy_____ic reforms of the organization *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
77. local h___o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
78. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
79. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
80. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
81. ma_____e lighting *n.* a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater

ANSWERS: 72. byword, 73. imaginary, 74. attach, 75. temple, 76. systemic, 77. hero, 78. virtual, 79. massive, 80. celebrate, 81. marquee

82. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
83. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
84. in_____us substance *adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage
85. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
86. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
87. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
88. 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
89. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
90. co_____m in all its aspects *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
91. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 82. announcement, 83. mention, 84. innocuous, 85. straight, 86. conventional, 87. basis, 88. bias, 89. pandemic, 90. conform, 91. consequence

92. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
93. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
94. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
95. ins_____ely grabbed the knife *adv.* as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
96. improve the lik_____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
97. largest electronic m____l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
98. re_____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
99. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
100. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
101. religious med_____on *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

ANSWERS: 92. accomplishment, 93. intrigue, 94. perspective, 95. instinctively, 96. likelihood, 97. mall, 98. relate, 99. flaw, 100. normally, 101. meditation

102. personal bl_____st *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
103. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
104. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
105. in a fig_____ve sense *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
106. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
107. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
108. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
109. 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
110. meet req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
111. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
112. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
113. m__t in the morning *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

ANSWERS: 102. blacklist, 103. increasingly, 104. profitable, 105. figurative, 106. convince, 107. dramatically, 108. communal, 109. episode, 110. requirement, 111. industrious, 112. amazing, 113. mist

114. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
115. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
116. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
117. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
118. perfect ex_____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
119. co_____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
120. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
121. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
122. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
123. und_____er journalist *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

ANSWERS: 114. difficulty, 115. probable, 116. congress, 117. individual, 118. excuse, 119. consensus, 120. hashtag, 121. refugee, 122. flaw, 123. undercover

124. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
125. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
126. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
127. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
128. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
129. re_____le source *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
130. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
131. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
132. as_____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
133. ru____c cuisine *adj.* relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm
134. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
135. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 124. relation, 125. definitely, 126. increasingly, 127. incorporate, 128. elaborate, 129. reputable, 130. environment, 131. sibling, 132. aspiring, 133. rustic, 134. sibling, 135. economics

136. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
137. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
138. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
139. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
140. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
141. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
142. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
143. dim_____on of quality *n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
144. terrestrial gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
145. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 136. blockbuster, 137. aspire, 138. artifact, 139. diverse, 140. religion, 141. sacred, 142. brilliant, 143. diminution, 144. globe, 145. comedy

146. 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
147. 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
148. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
149. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
150. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
151. a feeling of a_e *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
152. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
153. 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
154. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 146. process, 147. episode, 148. individual, 149. explanation, 150. apocalyptic, 151. awe, 152. attach, 153. strike, 154. medium

155. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
156. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
157. a ca____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
158. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
159. el_____le candidates *adj.* having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria
160. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
161. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
162. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
163. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
164. we_____rn phrase *adj.* showing the signs of frequent use or wear; familiar from repeated use or experience

ANSWERS: 155. odds, 156. odds, 157. catalyst, 158. convinced, 159. eligible, 160. integrate, 161. communicate, 162. fundamental, 163. distribute, 164. well-worn

165. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
166. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
167. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
168. an_____cs tools *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
169. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
170. 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
171. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
172. sa_____in sodium *n.* a white, crystalline powder with a sweet taste that is used as a zero-calorie artificial sweetener in various food and beverage products
173. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
174. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 165. reckon, 166. representation, 167. interrogate, 168. analytics, 169. bond, 170. recognize, 171. constant, 172. saccharin, 173. convinced, 174. integrate

175. 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
176. pi_____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
177. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
178. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
179. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
180. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
181. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
182. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
183. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
184. cl_____ic chapter *adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

ANSWERS: 175. intern, 176. pipeline, 177. obvious, 178. contribute, 179. dot, 180. principle, 181. advocate, 182. doe, 183. communion, 184. climactic

185. major in an_____cs *n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
186. sa____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
187. ra____l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
188. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
189. ce_____ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
190. a tour guide at the te____e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
191. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
192. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
193. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
194. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 185. analytics, 186. sacred, 187. racial, 188. consistent, 189. celebrity, 190. temple, 191. basis, 192. identify, 193. obstacle, 194. imaginative

195. fine m__t *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
196. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
197. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
198. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
199. 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
200. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
201. 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

ANSWERS: 195. mist, 196. interrogate, 197. indigenous, 198. institute, 199. process, 200. cast, 201. tangible

202. very ent_____ing book *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
203. gr_____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
204. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
205. 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
206. suffer te_____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
207. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
208. in__e music *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture
209. morning ri____l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
210. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
211. an advertising me____m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 202. entertaining, 203. greatly, 204. brilliant, 205. structure, 206. terribly, 207. compelling, 208. indie, 209. ritual, 210. artifact, 211. medium

212. pre_____us behavior *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
213. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
214. wh_____n he is mistaken *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
215. the sacred mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
216. cl_____e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
217. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
218. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
219. be_____d author *adj.* loved very much
220. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
221. an associate ju___e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
222. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 212. pretentious, 213. diverse, 214. wherein, 215. mosque, 216. cliché, 217. accidentally, 218. uncomfortable, 219. beloved, 220. conversation, 221. judge, 222. transport

223. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
224. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
225. re___e song *v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
226. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
227. noble la___l *n.* an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
228. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
229. m__l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
230. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
231. give im_____it consent *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
232. gr_____y desires *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

ANSWERS: 223. indigenous, 224. weird, 225. remake, 226. corporate, 227. laurel, 228. accomplishment, 229. mall, 230. equity, 231. implicit, 232. gratify

233. cultural and ar____ic activity	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
234. tie c__p	<i>n.</i> a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
235. advance cap_____sm	<i>n.</i> an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
236. hu_____nd as a species	<i>n.</i> the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
237. high imp_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note
238. on his own be___f	<i>n.</i> represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
239. re_____ly operate	<i>adv.</i> at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
240. masculine ch__m	<i>n.</i> the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
241. flu pa____ic	<i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
242. em_____ze a direct relationship	<i>v.</i> to give or show particular importance to something
243. a fountain of wi___m	<i>n.</i> the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
244. scr_____ay writer	<i>n.</i> a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production

ANSWERS: 233. artistic, 234. clip, 235. capitalism, 236. humankind, 237. importance, 238. behalf, 239. remotely, 240. charm, 241. pandemic, 242. emphasize, 243. wisdom, 244. screenplay

245. gr____y curiosity *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
246. an instrument of to____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
247. acc____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
248. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
249. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
250. el____le for a refund *adj.* having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria
251. med____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
252. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
253. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
254. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
255. history of hu____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

ANSWERS: 245. gratify, 246. torture, 247. accidentally, 248. expand, 249. identify, 250. eligible, 251. meditation, 252. classic, 253. broad, 254. publicly, 255. humankind

256. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
257. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
258. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
259. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
260. tr___e system *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
261. sub_____ve conversation *adj.* having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence
262. 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
263. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
264. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 256. equity, 257. oversea, 258. convince, 259. frustration, 260. triage, 261. substantive, 262. tangible, 263. survey, 264. gross

265. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
266. sub_____ve change *adj.* having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence
267. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
268. em_____e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
269. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
270. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
271. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
272. na_____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
273. capable of ima_____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
274. dual ge_____r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 265. attract, 266. substantive, 267. publicly, 268. emerge, 269. obligation, 270. obvious, 271. blockbuster, 272. nation, 273. imaginative, 274. gender

275. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
276. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
277. 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
278. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
279. school req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
280. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
281. we _____rn book *adj.* showing the signs of frequent use or wear; familiar from repeated use or experience
282. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
283. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
284. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 275. imaginary, 276. studio, 277. chase, 278. emphasize, 279. requirement, 280. congress, 281. well-worn, 282. doe, 283. concrete, 284. planet

285. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
286. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
287. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
288. cl_____ic moment *adj.* relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion
289. control re_____ly *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
290. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
291. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
292. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
293. fr_____se owner *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election

ANSWERS: 285. deconstruct, 286. immigrant, 287. obstacle, 288. climactic, 289. remotely, 290. ecosystem, 291. hero, 292. hashtag, 293. franchise

294. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
295. sh____y questioned *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner
296. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
297. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
298. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
299. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
300. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
301. test my pa_____ce *n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
302. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
303. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
304. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

ANSWERS: 294. alien, 295. sharply, 296. probable, 297. anticipate, 298. relation, 299. negative, 300. ethical, 301. patience, 302. statistics, 303. decide, 304. screenwriter

305. ch__e a dream
- 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
306. a leave of ab____e
- n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
307. in____ue against his rival
- v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
308. show pa____ce
- n. the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry
309. ins_____ely bad with children
- adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training
310. video game re___e
- v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

ANSWERS: 305. chase, 306. absence, 307. intrigue, 308. patience, 309. instinctively, 310. remake

311. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
312. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
313. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
314. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
315. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
316. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
317. ra____l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
318. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
319. ra_____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
320. in_____ed angle *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
321. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

ANSWERS: 311. importance, 312. abundance, 313. hire, 314. creative, 315. negative, 316. responsible, 317. racial, 318. straight, 319. railroad, 320. inclined, 321. convention

322. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
323. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
324. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
325. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
326. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
327. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
328. carpentry wo_____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
329. company in_____r *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
330. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
331. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

ANSWERS: 322. rely, 323. self-interest, 324. behalf, 325. sequence, 326. rebuild, 327. communion, 328. workshop, 329. insider, 330. clip, 331. charm

332. ru___c farmhouse *adj.* relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm
333. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
334. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
335. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
336. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
337. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
338. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
339. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
340. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 332. rustic, 333. decide, 334. deconstruct, 335. rot, 336. celebrate, 337. perspective, 338. cliché, 339. virtual, 340. assume

341. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
342. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
343. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
344. fall into a r___e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
345. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
346. have a high af_____ty *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
347. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
348. ab_____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
349. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
350. progress to a level wh_____n *adv.* in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that
351. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
352. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
353. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 341. profitable, 342. church, 343. capitalism, 344. rage, 345. progression, 346. affinity, 347. terribly, 348. absence, 349. slightly, 350. wherein, 351. commerce, 352. artistic, 353. nation

354. exh_____te the crowd *v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria
355. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
356. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
357. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
358. und_____er operation *adj.* carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito
359. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
360. di_____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
361. in_____r trading *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
362. 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
363. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 354. exhilarate, 355. principle, 356. cast, 357. representation, 358. undercover, 359. rebuild, 360. disguise, 361. insider, 362. inclusive, 363. deserve

364. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
365. fig_____ve painting *adj.* using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal
366. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
367. a data pi_____ne *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
368. co_____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
369. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
370. banking bl_____st *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
371. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
372. tr___e nurse *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

ANSWERS: 364. assume, 365. figurative, 366. tackle, 367. pipeline, 368. contend, 369. concrete, 370. blacklist, 371. immigrant, 372. triage

373. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
374. mu_____ex telegraphy *n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements
375. 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
376. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
377. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
378. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
379. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
380. ne_____sm in marketing *n.* a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined

ANSWERS: 373. excuse, 374. multiplex, 375. structure, 376. mention, 377. threshold, 378. weird, 379. superhero, 380. neologism

381. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
382. pre_____us language *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
383. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
384. cr__d of faith *n.* a system of beliefs or principles
385. di_____fy my portfolio *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
386. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
387. political cr__d *n.* a system of beliefs or principles
388. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
389. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
390. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

ANSWERS: 381. revenue, 382. pretentious, 383. conversation, 384. creed, 385. diversify, 386. underground, 387. creed, 388. explanation, 389. likelihood, 390. announcement

391. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
392. be____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
393. global re____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
394. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
395. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
396. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
397. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
398. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
399. black pa_____r *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
400. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
401. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 391. grant, 392. beloved, 393. refugee, 394. constantly, 395. moral, 396. gender, 397. amazing, 398. conventional, 399. panther, 400. aggressive, 401. creative

402. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
403. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
404. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
405. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
406. mer_____tic society *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
407. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
408. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
409. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
410. 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
411. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
412. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
413. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 402. self-interest, 403. planet, 404. gay, 405. disguise, 406. meritocratic, 407. optimistic, 408. consistent, 409. interact, 410. decision, 411. dramatically, 412. responsible, 413. statistics

414. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
415. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
416. in____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
417. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
418. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
419. im_____it bias *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
420. 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
421. drop sh_____y *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner
422. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
423. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
424. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 414. globe, 415. brain, 416. interact, 417. uncomfortable, 418. misinformation, 419. implicit, 420. dotcom, 421. sharply, 422. ritual, 423. folk, 424. elaborate

425. ca____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
426. re____n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
427. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
428. af____ty group *n.* a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption
429. an ac____y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
430. 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
431. a hand sc____t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
432. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
433. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 425. catalyst, 426. reckon, 427. relate, 428. affinity, 429. academy, 430. bias, 431. script, 432. survey, 433. expand

434. 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
435. ne_____sm creation *n.* a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined
436. a car with 1800 cc dis_____ent *n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
437. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
438. 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
439. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 434. recognize, 435. neologism, 436. displacement, 437. workshop, 438. default, 439. classic

440. mu_____ex DNA analysis *n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements
441. co_____m to standards *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
442. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
443. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
444. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
445. sa_____in tablets *n.* a white, crystalline powder with a sweet taste that is used as a zero-calorie artificial sweetener in various food and beverage products
446. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
447. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
448. an ag_____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

ANSWERS: 440. multiplex, 441. conform, 442. talented, 443. obligation, 444. massive, 445. saccharin, 446. rip, 447. decision, 448. aggregate

449. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
450. in_____ed to think *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
451. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
452. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
453. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
454. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
455. outdoor ma_____e *n.* a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater
456. fr_____se agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
457. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 449. wisdom, 450. inclined, 451. communicate, 452. entertainment, 453. definitely, 454. incorporate, 455. marquee, 456. franchise, 457. represent

458. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
459. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
460. aff_____ve action *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
461. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
462. exh_____te the audience *v.* to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria
463. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
464. showing dis_____al *n.* the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group
465. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
466. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
467. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
468. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
469. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 458. incredibly, 459. superhero, 460. affirmative, 461. scared, 462. exhilarate, 463. optimistic, 464. disapproval, 465. misinformation, 466. emerge, 467. frank, 468. mosque, 469. abundance

470. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
471. a member of the Ac____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
472. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
473. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
474. si____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
475. ent____ing puppet show *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
476. welfare ec____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
477. app____ive nod *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
478. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
479. the th____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 470. regard, 471. academy, 472. hire, 473. attract, 474. similarly, 475. entertaining, 476. economics, 477. appreciative, 478. folk, 479. threshold

480. experienced scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
481. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
482. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
483. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
484. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
485. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
486. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
487. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
488. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
489. 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
490. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 480. screenwriter, 481. broad, 482. moral, 483. opportune, 484. difficulty, 485. fortunate, 486. script, 487. frustration, 488. regard, 489. intern, 490. strike

491. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
492. the by___d in the industry *n.* a word or phrase that has become widely known and recognized as a symbol of a particular quality or characteristic; a person who is widely known for a particular trait or characteristic
493. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
494. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
495. re_____le company *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
496. data ag_____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
497. mean no dis_____ct *n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
498. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
499. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 491. gay, 492. byword, 493. environment, 494. bond, 495. reputable, 496. aggregate, 497. disrespect, 498. church, 499. institute

500. best adapted scr_____ay prize *n.* a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production
501. co_____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
502. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
503. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
504. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
505. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
506. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
507. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
508. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
509. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
510. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
511. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened

ANSWERS: 500. screenplay, 501. contend, 502. honor, 503. studio, 504. oversea, 505. fortunate, 506. award, 507. improve, 508. award, 509. distribute, 510. rage, 511. scared

512. dis_____ent camp *n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
513. the sy_____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
514. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
515. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
516. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
517. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
518. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
519. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
520. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
521. coast-to-coast ra_____ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

ANSWERS: 512. displacement, 513. systemic, 514. consequence, 515. represent, 516. aggressive, 517. slightly, 518. overcome, 519. sequence, 520. consensus, 521. railroad

522. tax re_____e

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

523. 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

524. dis_____al rate

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

ANSWERS: 522. revenue, 523. diversity, 524. disapproval

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.
n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
2. 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
3. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
adv. in almost the same way
4. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
5. 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
6. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.
adv. by chance or without planning
7. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.
n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
8. She is the _____ president of the company.
adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

ANSWERS: 1. announcement, 2. episode, 3. similarly, 4. charm, 5. relations, 6. accidentally, 7. likelihood, 8. virtual

9. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

10. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

11. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

12. The _____ sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

13. The _____ at the festival had a lineup of popular music artists.

n. a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater

14. 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

15. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 9. absolute, 10. basis, 11. fundamental, 12. panther's, 13. marquee, 14. process, 15. classic

16. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

17. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

18. The value of our house rose _____ last year.

adv. suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

19. The sense of accomplishment from completing a challenging hike can _____ those who love the great outdoors

v. to make someone feel very happy, animated, or excited; to fill with energy or a sense of euphoria

20. You are under no _____ to finish the job.

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

21. The software uses a robust _____ to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

22. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

23. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 16. hire, 17. imaginative, 18. sharply, 19. exhilarate, 20. obligation, 21. blacklist, 22. constantly, 23. distributed

24. 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

25. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

26. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

27. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

28. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

29. 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

30. 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: 24. responsible, 25. represent, 26. integrate, 27. excuse, 28. ritual, 29. wisdom, 30. inclusive

31. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
32. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
- n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
33. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
- n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
34. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
35. The loss of an important client caused a _____ in the company's reputation.
- n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
36. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
37. The company can _____ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.
- adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

ANSWERS: 31. refugees, 32. railroad, 33. misinformation, 34. religion, 35. diminution, 36. revenue, 37. remotely

38. The _____ for the new movie is currently in development.

- n.* a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production

39. 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

40. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

41. They had formed a friendship _____.

- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

42. 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

43. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

44. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.

- v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

45. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

ANSWERS: 38. screenplay, 39. diversity, 40. emerged, 41. bond, 42. identify, 43. Constant, 44. intrigues, 45. straight

46. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

47. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

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

48. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

49. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

50. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

51. The bed and breakfast had a _____ charm that appealed to visitors.

adj. relating to the countryside or rural life; lacking in refinement or sophistication; characterized by a simple and natural charm

52. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

53. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

54. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

ANSWERS: 46. mentioned, 47. obstacle, 48. Communal, 49. industrious, 50. cast, 51. rustic, 52. statistics, 53. slightly, 54. consequences

55. 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

56. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

57. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

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

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

59. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

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

60. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

61. The _____ path through the forest led to the summit of the mountain.

adj. showing the signs of frequent use or wear; familiar from repeated use or experience

62. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 55. studio, 56. obvious, 57. definitely, 58. sacred, 59. rely, 60. meditation, 61. well-worn, 62. siblings

63. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
64. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
- adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
65. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
66. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
67. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.
- adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
68. His abusive words made me _____.
- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
69. The athlete wore a _____ wreath to symbolize victory in the competition.
- n.* an evergreen shrub or tree with dark green leaves that is often used symbolically to represent victory, honor, or accomplishment
70. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.
- n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 63. Mosque, 64. brilliant, 65. artifacts, 66. communicate, 67. gross, 68. uncomfortable, 69. laurel, 70. frustration

71. The two parties have reached a _____.
- n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
72. 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
73. 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
74. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.
- adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
75. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general
76. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
- adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
77. The magician's act was _____ and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.
- adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
78. The spider in the corner of the room seemed _____ but it made her uneasy.
- adj.* not harmful or dangerous; unlikely to cause injury or damage

ANSWERS: 71. consensus, 72. decision, 73. nation, 74. systemic, 75. broad, 76. concrete, 77. entertaining, 78. innocuous,

79. I always try to _____ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.
- v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
80. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
- v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
81. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
- n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
82. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
- v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
83. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
- adv. more and more
84. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
- v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
85. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.
- n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
86. Many people go to the shopping _____ to socialize and spend time with friends.
- n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

ANSWERS: 79. gratify, 80. interrogate, 81. clip, 82. convince, 83. increasingly, 84. celebrated, 85. comedy, 86. mall

87. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
88. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
89. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
- adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
90. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
91. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.
- n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
92. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
- n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
93. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
94. The _____ of the residents was a consequence of the construction of the new highway.
- n.* the act of forcing someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 87. importance, 88. anticipate, 89. gay, 90. difficulty, 91. screenwriter's, 92. aggregate, 93. Congress, 94. displacement

95. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.
v. to struggle to win or surmount something
96. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
97. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
98. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
99. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
100. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
101. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.
v. to include something as a part of a larger entity
102. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

ANSWERS: 95. contended, 96. apocalyptic, 97. abundance, 98. award, 99. amazing, 100. globe, 101. incorporate, 102. explanation

103. The _____ battle scene was the most intense moment of the movie.

adj. relating to the highest point of a story or event, typically the most intense or exciting moment; bringing something to a high point or conclusion

104. I only trust certified mechanics from _____ auto shops to work on my car.

adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

105. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

106. 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

107. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

108. 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

109. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

110. He has a strong _____ for music and plays multiple instruments.

n. a natural liking or attraction to something; kinship by marriage or adoption

111. 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

ANSWERS: 103. climactic, 104. reputable, 105. normally, 106. progression, 107. compelling, 108. interned, 109. scared, 110. affinity, 111. chased

112. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

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

113. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

114. 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

115. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

116. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

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

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

118. His arm was swollen and _____ red.

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

119. The court ruled in favor of the plaintiff, _____ they were awarded damages for the defendant's negligence.

adv. in or during which; in the place, time, or situation that

ANSWERS: 112. collaboration, 113. interact, 114. inclined, 115. survey, 116. overcome, 117. church, 118. terribly, 119. wherein

120. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

121. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

122. 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

123. 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

124. The chemical structure of _____ is similar to that of sugar, but it is much sweeter.

n. a white, crystalline powder with a sweet taste that is used as a zero-calorie artificial sweetener in various food and beverage products

125. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

126. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

127. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 120. expand, 121. imaginary, 122. bias, 123. structure, 124. saccharin, 125. odds, 126. rot, 127. catalyst

128. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

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

129. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

130. The popularity of the show made her an instant _____.

n. someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

131. They _____ admired our actions.

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

132. The _____ of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.

n. a system of beliefs or principles

133. The school requires students to _____ to a strict dress code.

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

134. We use this tableware in a _____ service.

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

135. 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

136. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 128. attach, 129. aggressive, 130. celebrity, 131. greatly, 132. creed, 133. conform, 134. communion, 135. environment, 136. massive

137. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

138. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

139. 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

140. Some researchers claim that even humans can _____ sense earthquakes.

adv. as a matter of nature or intuition rather than thought or training

141. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

142. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

143. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

ANSWERS: 137. pandemic, 138. temple, 139. default, 140. instinctively, 141. indigenous, 142. elaborate, 143. awe-inspiring

144. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

145. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.

- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

146. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

- v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

147. 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

148. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

- adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

149. The president must have the highest _____ standards.

- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

150. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.

- n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

151. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.

- n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence

ANSWERS: 144. torture, 145. economics, 146. deserved, 147. strike, 148. convinced, 149. ethical, 150. blockbuster, 151. rage

152. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

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

153. All those _____ will receive a substantial amount of money.

adj. having the required qualities or satisfying the necessary criteria

154. They met at biennial _____.

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

155. Her _____ of his actions was evident in her cold demeanor.

n. the act of not liking or agreeing with something; an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group

156. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

157. Our brand's campaign uses a unique _____ to track engagement and reach.

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

158. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

159. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 152. tackle, 153. eligible, 154. conventions, 155. disapproval, 156. assumes, 157. hashtag, 158. absence, 159. medium

160. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
161. 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
162. The fast-food _____ kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.
- n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
163. 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
164. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
165. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
166. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.
- adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
167. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

ANSWERS: 160. commerce, 161. decide, 162. franchise, 163. individual, 164. disguised, 165. entertainment, 166. aspiring, 167. moral

168. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
169. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.
- n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
170. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
- adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
171. The new _____ cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.
- n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements
172. In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a _____ center to assist with medical emergencies.
- n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
173. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.
- v.* to give or show particular importance to something
174. Healing a broken heart requires _____ as it takes time to heal.
- n.* the ability to remain calm and composed in the face of adversity, delay, or frustration; the capacity to tolerate or endure difficult or unpleasant situations without becoming upset or angry

ANSWERS: 168. Capitalism, 169. Academy, 170. negative, 171. multiplex, 172. triage, 173. emphasize, 174. patience,

175. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

176. 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

177. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

178. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.

v. to build again or anew

179. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

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

180. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

181. The company prides itself on being _____ in its hiring and promotion practices.

adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

182. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

ANSWERS: 175. talented, 176. tangible, 177. gender, 178. rebuild, 179. honor, 180. underground, 181. meritocratic, 182. merits

183. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
184. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.
n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
185. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
186. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.
n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
187. The teacher gave an _____ nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.
adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
188. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.
adj. suggested but not directly expressed
189. This restaurant is known for its _____ approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.
adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture
190. The company's exceptional customer service has become a _____ for excellence.
n. a word or phrase that has become widely known and recognized as a symbol of a particular quality or characteristic; a person who is widely known for a particular trait or characteristic

ANSWERS: 183. profitable, 184. humankind, 185. creative, 186. flaw, 187. affirmative, 188. implicit, 189. indie, 190. byword

191. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

192. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

193. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

194. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.

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

195. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

196. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

197. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

198. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 191. opportune, 192. perspective, 193. publicly, 194. self-interest, 195. conversation, 196. cliché, 197. diverse, 198. aspired

199. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

200. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

201. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

v. to think or believe something

202. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

203. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

204. 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

205. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

206. Selfie is a relatively recent _____ widely used in popular culture.

n. a newly created word, phrase, or expression that has not been widely accepted into the language; a word or term that has been recently coined

ANSWERS: 199. probable, 200. accomplishment, 201. reckons, 202. relate, 203. hero, 204. recognize, 205. dramatically, 206. neologism

207. 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
208. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
209. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
- n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
210. Advanced _____ is helping the business to make better data-driven decisions.
- n.* the systematic computational analysis of data or statistics; information resulting from this analysis
211. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
212. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
213. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.
- n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
214. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 207. ecosystem, 208. brain, 209. sequence, 210. analytics, 211. planet, 212. attract, 213. immigrants, 214. weird

215. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
216. His _____ behavior towards his elders earned him a stern warning from his parents.
- n.* an expression of lack of regard or contempt for someone or something
217. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
218. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
- n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
219. The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.
- v.* to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
220. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
221. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
- adj.* of or relating to a large company
222. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

ANSWERS: 215. critics, 216. disrespectful, 217. granted, 218. workshop, 219. remake, 220. folk, 221. corporate, 222. transportation

223. During transit, the stuff may ____ off the luggage tag.

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

224. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

225. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

226. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

227. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

228. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

229. The sun has risen, and the ____ has faded.

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

230. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

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

ANSWERS: 223. rip, 224. equity, 225. artistic, 226. deconstruct, 227. conventional, 228. improve, 229. mist, 230. principle

231. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

232. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

233. 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

234. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

235. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

- adj.* having good luck or lucky

236. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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

237. What is the entry _____ for this course?

- n.* something that is needed or wanted

238. You are not _____ in your behavior.

- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 231. representation, 232. incredibly, 233. dotcom, 234. regarded, 235. fortunate, 236. contribute, 237. requirement, 238. consistent

239. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

240. When he said he was starving to death, it was a _____ way of saying he was very hungry.

adj. using figures of speech, especially metaphors, to create a special effect; not literal

241. The _____ police officer was able to gather crucial evidence without being detected.

adj. carried out or conducted in secret, with one's true identity or purpose concealed; disguised, incognito

242. This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to _____.

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

243. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

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

244. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

245. He's a Wall Street _____ with a lot of valuable information.

n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

246. The teacher was _____ of the student's dedication and hard work.

adj. expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

ANSWERS: 239. racial, 240. figurative, 241. undercover, 242. diversify, 243. dots, 244. threshold, 245. insider, 246. appreciative

247. I gave witness on her _____.

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

248. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

249. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

250. The researchers presented _____ evidence to support their claims rather than relying on conjecture.

adj. having a firm basis in reality and therefore important, meaningful, or substantial; having a significant or worthwhile effect or influence

251. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

252. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

253. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

254. I am here to save my _____.

adj. loved very much

ANSWERS: 247. behalf, 248. frank, 249. superhero, 250. substantive, 251. institutes, 252. optimistic, 253. pipeline, 254. beloved

255. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

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

256. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

257. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

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

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

259. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.

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

260. The _____ guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious

261. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

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

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

ANSWERS: 255. judge, 256. Alien, 257. script, 258. Advocates, 259. doe, 260. pretentious, 261. storytelling, 262. oversea

ANSWERS: