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Session 1: Word List

launch

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

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym: interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

bonus

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

synonym: extra, perk, compensation

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

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

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.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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.

- gist** *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation
synonym: essence, core, summary
(1) the **gist** of a claim, (2) get the **gist**
The **gist** of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.
- 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.
- 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.
- fascinating** *adj.* extremely interesting
synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating
(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.
- rethink** *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider
(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager
We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.
- podcast** *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

collective

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

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

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

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

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

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

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

unlock

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

synonym: open, solve, unravel

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

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

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

sensation

n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

synonym: feeling, perception, mania

(1) cause a widespread **sensation**, (2) taste **sensation**

If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning **sensation**.

outsmart

v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic

synonym: outwit, beat, surpass

(1) **outsmart** the competition, (2) **outsmart** a conspiracy

He could **outsmart** his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym : shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym : allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the

classroom early.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

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.

strength

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

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

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

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

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

dispel

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

synonym: chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors

This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym: folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

emotion

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

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

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

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

brave

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

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

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

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

courage

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

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

fort

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

synonym: stronghold, bastion, fortress

(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate

The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading forces.

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.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle

synonym: cluster, crowd, group

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

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

armor

n. a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage

synonym : shield, protection, plate

(1) **armor** plates, (2) protective **armor**

The knights wore heavy **armor** for protection during battle.

confidence

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

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

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

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

suppose

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

synonym : guess, assume, presume

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

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

cynicism

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

synonym : distrust, skepticism, pessimism

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

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

reward

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

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

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

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

observation

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

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

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

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

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.

chord

n. a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

synonym: harmony, concord, consonance

(1) **chord** transition, (2) his vocal **chords**

The pianist played a **chord** that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

psychoanalysis

n. a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

(1) freudian **psychoanalysis**, (2) **psychoanalysis** technique

She sought **psychoanalysis** to understand her childhood traumas.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym: emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

admiration

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

synonym: respect, esteem, appreciation

(1) ungrudging **admiration**, (2) **admiration** by other people
The artist received **admiration** for their work from critics and fans alike.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

identity

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

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual
The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym : distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

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.

stretch

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

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

synonym : familiar, customary, habitual

(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints
I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym: agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym: pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym: smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

milestone

n. an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

synonym: landmark, turning point, touchstone

(1) key **milestone**, (2) **milestone** event

Reaching the **milestone** of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.

midlife

n. the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

(1) **midlife** depression, (2) **midlife** changes

Many people go through a **midlife** crisis and contemplate major life changes.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

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

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

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

therapy

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

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

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

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

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.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

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.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym : echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

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.

regret

v. to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

synonym : apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

undergraduate

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

synonym : college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course

The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

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.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

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.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

feminine

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

synonym : womanly, womanlike, femalelike

(1) add a **feminine** touch, (2) the sacred **feminine**

The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically **feminine** style.

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.

trigger

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

synonym: activate, spark, drive

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

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

calculus

n. a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

synonym: mathematics, math, analysis

(1) **calculus** equations, (2) **calculus** disease

I needed help understanding the advanced **calculus** course material.

comply

v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request

synonym: follow, abide by, adhere to

(1) **comply** with a code, (2) fully **comply** with all laws

The public schools **comply** with federal standards.

perfection

n. the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete

synonym : flawlessness, excellence, completion

(1) absolute **perfection**, (2) **perfection** of beauty

The little girl practiced her ballet routine until she achieved **perfection**.

imperfectly

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

synonym : amiss, insufficiently, clumsily

(1) **imperfectly** developed, (2) **imperfectly** known disease

He created an **imperfectly** shaped torso.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

setback

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

synonym : obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

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

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

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

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.

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.

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

precarious

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

synonym: precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

masculinity

n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

synonym: manliness, virility, machismo

(1) **masculinity** norms, (2) toxic **masculinity**

Research has shown that rigid ideas of **masculinity** can

contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

demonstrate

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

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery
How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

toxic

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

synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

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

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

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym : hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike
Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym: taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer
The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

motivate

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

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**
The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

spit

v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

synonym: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

suit

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

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law
Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym : hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

surgeon

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

synonym : sawbones, doctor

(1) an excellent brain **surgeon**, (2) army **surgeon**

He is a skilled **surgeon** that has many years of training and experience.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the

children.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

handle

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

synonym: control, manage, deal with

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

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

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

software

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

synonym : program, system, operating system

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

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

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym : aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

irreducible

adj. impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something

synonym : indivisible, fundamental, essential

(1) **irreducible** complexity, (2) **irreducible** minimum

He believed that the complexity of human emotions was **irreducible** to simple explanations or formulas.

pushback

n. resistance, opposition, or an adverse reaction to a plan, idea, or proposal; a deliberate effort to resist, challenge, or oppose external pressure or influence; (verb) to resist or object to a proposal, idea, or plan

synonym: resistance, opposition, objection

(1) political **pushback**, (2) social **pushback**

The **pushback** from the community on the proposed policy change was intense and widespread.

rank

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

synonym: position, status, standing

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

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

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

appreciate

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

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

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

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

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**.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

addition

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

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

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.

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.

grab

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

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym: brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

faint

adj. not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

synonym: slight, vague, soft

(1) **faint** memory, (2) **faint** aroma of roses

She heard a **faint**, nearly invisible scream.

employee

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

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

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

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

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym: audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

integrity

n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

synonym: honesty, honor, morality

(1) a person of **integrity**, (2) **integrity** of data
The company's reputation for honesty and **integrity** is highly valued among its customers.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

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.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

synonym: regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes

You don't have to be **ashamed**.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

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.

disappointment

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
synonym : letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service
The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

embrace

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

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**
The woods **embrace** the house.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
synonym : entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor
The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

spotlight

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

synonym: limelight, stage light, highlight

(1) **spotlight** effect, (2) **spotlight** moment

The singer was in the **spotlight** as she performed her hit song.

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**.

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.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym: attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym: thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

rumble

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

synonym: roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track
The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

schedule

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

synonym: agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**
So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

compete

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

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly
Her **priority** is to be a mother.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**
We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym: affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen
He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

perk

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

particular job

synonym : extra, bonus, benefit

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

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

reframe

v. to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

synonym : redefine, restructure, reposition

(1) **reframe** resource allocation, (2) **reframe** problem

The therapist tried to **reframe** his negative thoughts.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

ruminate

v. to think deeply about something; to ponder

synonym : ponder, meditate, contemplate

(1) **ruminate** about the past, (2) **ruminate** over a problem

After a long work day, she likes to **ruminate** on her accomplishments and plan for the next day.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

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

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

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

argument

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

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

onboard

v. to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device

synonym : embark, aboard, on-load

(1) **onboard** the new employees, (2) **onboard** computer

The passengers were instructed to **onboard** the aircraft as quickly as possible so that the flight could depart on time.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

indicator

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

synonym: barometer, signal, index

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

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

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

introductory

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

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

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

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

praxis

n. the practical application or implementation of a theory or idea, often in a social or political context

synonym: action, deed, practice

(1) **praxis** in education, (2) **praxis** theory

The teacher emphasized the importance of **praxis**, encouraging students to apply their theoretical understanding to real-world problems.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym : praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**
Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**
Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question
Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym : regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**
Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

wan

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

synonym : pale, pallid, ashen

(1) **wan** light, (2) a **wan** smile

His **wan** complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

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.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym : aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to
facilitate employee communication and collaboration.

evaluate

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

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

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

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

therapeutic

adj. relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury

synonym : healing, remedial, curative

(1) **therapeutic** massage, (2) **therapeutic** administration

Yoga is known to have **therapeutic** benefits for the mind and
body.

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.

curriculum

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

synonym : program, syllabus, course of study

(1) a **curriculum** vitae, (2) an academic **curriculum**

A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the **curriculum**.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

outcome

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

synonym : result, consequence, effect

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

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

oriented

adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

synonym : aligned, directed, focused

(1) **oriented** graph, (2) technology- **oriented**

The company is very customer- **oriented** and strives to provide excellent service.

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym : skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

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.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

minus

adj. subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

synonym : without, lacking, negative

(1) **minus** sign, (2) **minus** temperature

The recipe calls for four cups of flour **minus** one tablespoon.

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.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

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.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym : wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see

if it is making **unfair** decisions.

absolutely

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

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

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

misconception

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
synonym: fallacy, incomprehension, misunderstanding

(1) dispel the **misconception**, (2) commonly held **misconception**

There are numerous **misconceptions** about food and health.

authenticity

n. the quality of being real or genuine
synonym: genuineness, originality, credibility

(1) **authenticity** verification, (2) lack **authenticity**

The museum's experts confirmed the **authenticity** of the painting.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

jerk

v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch

(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope

The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

disclose

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

synonym: declare, reveal, uncover

(1) **disclose** a secret, (2) **disclose** a vulnerability

The curtain rose to **disclose** a fantastic set.

background

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

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

bunch

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

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym : seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

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

He was **naturally** gifted.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

compartment

n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

synonym : section, part, subdivision

(1) **compartment** door, (2) a watertight **compartment**

The train's **compartment** was small but comfortable.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym: section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

chemotherapy

n. the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation

synonym: anticancer treatment, radiotherapy, immunotherapy

(1) **chemotherapy** regimen, (2) **chemotherapy** side effects

Many cancer patients undergo **chemotherapy** as a treatment option.

awesome

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

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
synonym : open-minded, sensory, sensorial

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

eggshell

n. the hard, outer layer of an egg, typically thin and fragile, and has a slightly rough texture

synonym : shell, casing, membrane

(1) **eggshell** paint, (2) fragile **eggshell**

I gently removed the **eggshell** from the freshly boiled egg.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym : clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym : explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym : recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

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.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

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.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

assess

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

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

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

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

acclimate

v. to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

synonym: adjust, adapt, acclimatize

(1) **acclimate** to the climate, (2) **acclimate** to the culture

It takes time for your body to **acclimate** to a new environment.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

forfeit

v. to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege

synonym : surrender, relinquish, abandon

(1) **forfeit** your deposit, (2) **forfeit** a legal right

The defendant may have to **forfeit** his assets as part of his punishment.

comfort

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

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

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

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

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

arresting

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym: striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

transmitter

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

synonym: sender

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

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

grace

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

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

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

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

sue

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

synonym: accuse, plead, file

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. s_e my boss for harassment
v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
2. pre_____us job
adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
3. stylistically inn_____ve works
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
4. there is no other alt_____ve
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
5. technology-or_____ed
adj. referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
6. a hand sc___t
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
7. the int_____ion of history
n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
8. bo__s appraisal
n. an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
9. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 1. sue, 2. precarious, 3. innovative, 4. alternative, 5. oriented, 6. script, 7. interpretation, 8. bonus, 9. opportune

10. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
11. trigger a re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
12. app____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
13. pr____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
14. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
15. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
16. ex____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
17. boundless cu____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
18. inc____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
19. bu____t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
20. social pu____ck *n.* resistance, opposition, or an adverse reaction to a plan, idea, or proposal; a deliberate effort to resist, challenge, or oppose external pressure or influence; (verb) to resist or object to a proposal, idea, or plan

ANSWERS: 10. pitch, 11. reaction, 12. appropriate, 13. privacy, 14. suppose, 15. relation, 16. explicit, 17. curiosity, 18. incredibly, 19. bucket, 20. pushback

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| 21. take an un_____in attitude | <i>adj.</i> not being sure of something; not being able to choose |
| 22. ha___ed the incident | <i>v.</i> to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion |
| 23. cl_____y a goal | <i>v.</i> to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable |
| 24. de___e centigrade | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment |
| 25. ad__t a bill | <i>v.</i> to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own |
| 26. feeling of gu__t | <i>n.</i> the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong |
| 27. re_____te in the same frequency | <i>v.</i> to be filled with a deep echoing sound |
| 28. ba__e holder | <i>n.</i> a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations |
| 29. ex_____ng news | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement |
| 30. em_____ee benefits | <i>n.</i> a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker |
| 31. ex_____e weather events | <i>adj.</i> very great in amount or degree |

ANSWERS: 21. uncertain, 22. handle, 23. clarify, 24. degree, 25. adopt, 26. guilt, 27. resonate, 28. badge, 29. exciting, 30. employee, 31. extreme

32. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
33. ou_____rt a conspiracy *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
34. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
35. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
36. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
37. a person of in_____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
38. commonly held mis_____ion *n.* a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis
39. as_____s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
40. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
41. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 32. background, 33. outsmart, 34. excite, 35. sentimental, 36. stretch, 37. integrity, 38. misconception, 39. assess, 40. compliment, 41. emotion

42. ch__d transition *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
43. protective ar__r *n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
44. a heavy sc____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
45. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
46. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
47. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
48. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
49. re__t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
50. ca_____us disease *n.* a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones
51. me_____me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 42. chord, 43. armor, 44. schedule, 45. convinced, 46. vulnerable, 47. wrap, 48. fascinating, 49. reject, 50. calculus, 51. meantime

52. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
53. pr____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
54. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
55. co____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
56. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
57. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
58. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
59. ho____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
60. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
61. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
62. di____se a secret *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
63. highest standards of exc_____ce *n.* the quality of being extremely good
64. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 52. straight, 53. priority, 54. therapy, 55. comfort, 56. pilot, 57. bunch, 58. courageous, 59. horrible, 60. indicator, 61. obvious, 62. disclose, 63. excellence, 64. rank

65. an academic cur_____um *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
66. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
67. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
68. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
69. fa__t aroma of roses *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
70. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
71. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
72. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
73. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
74. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
75. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
76. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 65. curriculum, 66. vice, 67. interrogate, 68. absolutely, 69. faint, 70. rethink, 71. dare, 72. reject, 73. interrogate, 74. flavor, 75. depth, 76. brand

77. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
78. 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
79. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
80. fo____t your deposit *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
81. ma____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
82. deeply re____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
83. che____apy regimen *n.* the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation
84. high fr____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
85. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 77. grace, 78. catalyst, 79. unlock, 80. forfeit, 81. maintain, 82. resonate, 83. chemotherapy, 84. frequency, 85. phrase

86. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
87. ou____rt the competition *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
88. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
89. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
90. in____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
91. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
92. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
93. make a da___g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
94. s__t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
95. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
96. na____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

ANSWERS: 86. grief, 87. outsmart, 88. barrier, 89. software, 90. intention, 91. debate, 92. comfort, 93. daring, 94. spit, 95. mask, 96. naturally

107. 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
108. subtle cultural nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
109. an alt____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
110. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
111. com____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
112. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
113. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
114. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
115. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
116. ca____us equations *n.* a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

ANSWERS: 107. strike, 108. nuance, 109. alternative, 110. military, 111. combination, 112. reward, 113. norm, 114. interpretation, 115. peel, 116. calculus

117. listen to a po____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
118. tale from my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
119. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
120. pr____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
121. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
122. 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
123. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
124. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 117. podcast, 118. mythology, 119. strength, 120. priority, 121. discuss, 122. episode, 123. hack, 124. contribution

125. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
126. the common but nu____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
127. def____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
128. sp____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
129. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
130. re____e problem *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
131. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
132. have an in____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
133. arrange my sc____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
134. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 125. hood, 126. nuanced, 127. definitely, 128. spotlight, 129. software, 130. reframe, 131. nudge, 132. inherent, 133. schedule, 134. suit

135. fragile eg_____ll *n.* the hard, outer layer of an egg, typically thin and fragile, and has a slightly rough texture
136. di_____se a vulnerability *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
137. br___e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
138. ac_____te to the culture *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
139. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
140. the f___w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
141. em___d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
142. have an un___r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
143. a minor f___w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
144. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
145. co_____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

ANSWERS: 135. eggshell, 136. disclose, 137. brave, 138. acclimate, 139. examine, 140. flaw, 141. embed, 142. unfair, 143. flaw, 144. trauma, 145. competent

146. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
147. re___t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
148. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
149. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
150. radio tra____er *n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
151. cast as____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
152. exc____ce in product design *n.* the quality of being extremely good
153. ex____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
154. 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
155. a backhanded com____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
156. ev____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
157. on____d computer *v.* to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device

ANSWERS: 146. script, 147. regret, 148. investor, 149. horrible, 150. transmitter, 151. ashamed, 152. excellence, 153. exciting, 154. contribute, 155. compliment, 156. evaluate, 157. onboard

158. che_____apy side effects *n.* the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation
159. 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
160. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
161. mas_____ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
162. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
163. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
164. 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
165. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

ANSWERS: 158. chemotherapy, 159. catalyst, 160. emotion, 161. masculinity, 162. quotation, 163. profoundly, 164. assume, 165. athlete

166. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
167. fr_____cy band *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
168. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
169. mi__s temperature *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
170. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
171. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
172. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
173. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
174. 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
175. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
176. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 166. absolute, 167. frequency, 168. insure, 169. minus, 170. peel, 171. excite, 172. occasion, 173. embrace, 174. inclusive, 175. unlock, 176. doe

177. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
178. toxic mas_____ty *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
179. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
180. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
181. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
182. cy_____sm towards politics *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
183. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
184. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
185. 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

ANSWERS: 177. examine, 178. masculinity, 179. excel, 180. belong, 181. grab, 182. cynicism, 183. silicon, 184. profound, 185. doe

186. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
187. the sacred fe_____ne *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
188. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
189. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
190. ru____e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
191. hu____e around the open fire *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
192. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
193. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
194. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
195. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
196. sp_____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
197. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
198. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 186. intention, 187. feminine, 188. intellect, 189. combination, 190. rumble, 191. huddle, 192. appreciate, 193. sue, 194. emotional, 195. relation, 196. spotlight, 197. greatly, 198. wrap

199. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
200. 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
201. imp_____ly developed *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
202. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
203. 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
204. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
205. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
206. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
207. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
208. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
209. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 199. athlete, 200. honor, 201. imperfectly, 202. bunch, 203. decide, 204. observe, 205. naturally, 206. delight, 207. trigger, 208. courageous, 209. risky

210. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
211. mi__s sign *adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero
212. the_____ic massage *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
213. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
214. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
215. ar__r plates *n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
216. com_____nt door *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
217. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
218. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
219. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 210. belong, 211. minus, 212. therapeutic, 213. pitch, 214. observation, 215. armor, 216. compartment, 217. reward, 218. suit, 219. define

220. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
221. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
222. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
223. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
224. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
225. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
226. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
227. puzzle-so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
228. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

ANSWERS: 220. discuss, 221. fascinate, 222. investor, 223. privacy, 224. brand, 225. military, 226. myth, 227. solver, 228. evaluate

229. security ba__e *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
230. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
231. 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
232. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
233. dis_____rt in the abdomen *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
234. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
235. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
236. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
237. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

ANSWERS: 229. badge, 230. define, 231. episode, 232. depth, 233. discomfort, 234. interpret, 235. handle, 236. develop, 237. competent

238. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
239. re_____e resource allocation *v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way
240. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
241. for the me_____me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
242. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
243. intellectual cy_____sm *n.* a belief or attitude of distrust or skepticism, particularly concerning the motives or integrity of other people; an inclination to believe that people are motivated purely by self-interest
244. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
245. a watertight com_____nt *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
246. the sets were meticulously
au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 238. crisis, 239. reframe, 240. observe, 241. meantime, 242. extraordinary, 243. cynicism, 244. facilitate, 245. compartment, 246. authentic

247. hu___e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
248. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
249. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
250. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
251. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
252. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
253. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
254. fa__t memory *adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak
255. feel as_____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
256. da___g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
257. lack aut_____ity *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
258. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

ANSWERS: 247. huddle, 248. launch, 249. adopt, 250. importance, 251. empower, 252. ethos, 253. straight, 254. faint, 255. ashamed, 256. daring, 257. authenticity, 258. assistant

259. ru_____te over a problem *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
260. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
261. re_____ve audience *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
262. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
263. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
264. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
265. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
266. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
267. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
268. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
269. key mi_____ne *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
270. in_____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 259. ruminare, 260. empower, 261. receptive, 262. clarify, 263. nuanced, 264. extreme, 265. demonstrate, 266. indicator, 267. physically, 268. scary, 269. milestone, 270. inviting

271. re___t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
272. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
273. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
274. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
275. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
276. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
277. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
278. a cur_____um vitae *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
279. cause a widespread se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
280. the g__t of a claim *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation
281. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 271. regret, 272. silent, 273. reaction, 274. confidence, 275. critic, 276. vocabulary, 277. mindset, 278. curriculum, 279. sensation, 280. gist, 281. grant

282. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
283. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
284. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
285. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
286. un_____r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
287. an ar_____ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
288. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
289. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
290. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
291. ac_____te to the climate *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

ANSWERS: 282. stretch, 283. preference, 284. fascinate, 285. preference, 286. unfair, 287. arresting, 288. collapse, 289. argument, 290. rethink, 291. acclimate

292. army su____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
293. a w_n smile *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
294. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
295. in____ty of data *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
296. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
297. inspire co____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
298. LED-em____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
299. pr____s theory *n.* the practical application or implementation of a theory or idea, often in a social or political context
300. get inc____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
301. f__t gate *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
302. psy______sis technique *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

ANSWERS: 292. surgeon, 293. wan, 294. context, 295. integrity, 296. grief, 297. courage, 298. embedded, 299. praxis, 300. incredibly, 301. fort, 302. psychoanalysis

303. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
304. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
305. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
306. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
307. work pe_____t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
308. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
309. absolute per_____on *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
310. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
311. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
312. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

ANSWERS: 303. insight, 304. outcome, 305. perceive, 306. opposition, 307. permit, 308. accustomed, 309. perfection, 310. struggle, 311. conversation, 312. observation

313. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
314. di___l a painful feeling *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
315. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
316. psychic tr___a *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
317. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
318. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
319. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
320. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
321. 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

ANSWERS: 313. sham, 314. dispel, 315. identity, 316. trauma, 317. definitely, 318. importance, 319. collaboration, 320. launch, 321. honor

322. ru____te about the past *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
323. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
324. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
325. re____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
326. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
327. con____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
328. abs____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
329. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
330. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
331. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
332. get the g__t *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation

ANSWERS: 322. ruminates, 323. boundary, 324. communal, 325. redefine, 326. scary, 327. contribute, 328. absolutely, 329. argument, 330. sham, 331. brave, 332. gist

333. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
334. mi_____e depression *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
335. 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
336. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
337. an ar_____ng image *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
338. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
339. 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
340. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
341. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

ANSWERS: 333. demonstrate, 334. midlife, 335. communicate, 336. imply, 337. arresting, 338. context, 339. inclusive, 340. vice, 341. quotation

342. linear so___r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
343. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
344. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
345. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
346. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
347. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
348. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
349. market se_____t *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
350. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
351. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
352. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

ANSWERS: 342. solver, 343. trigger, 344. confidence, 345. motivate, 346. barrier, 347. crazy, 348. physically, 349. segment, 350. impressive, 351. risky, 352. assess

353. the_____ic administration *adj.* relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury
354. und_____ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
355. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
356. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
357. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
358. an excellent brain su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
359. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
360. bu____t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
361. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
362. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
363. political pu_____ck *n.* resistance, opposition, or an adverse reaction to a plan, idea, or proposal; a deliberate effort to resist, challenge, or oppose external pressure or influence; (verb) to resist or object to a proposal, idea, or plan

ANSWERS: 353. therapeutic, 354. undergraduate, 355. addition, 356. appropriate, 357. constantly, 358. surgeon, 359. insight, 360. bucket, 361. toxic, 362. embedded, 363. pushback

364. gr____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
365. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
366. absolutely op____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
367. pre____us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
368. endure dis____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
369. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
370. a vi____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
371. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
372. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
373. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 364. greatly, 365. awesome, 366. opposed, 367. precarious, 368. discomfort, 369. identity, 370. virtual, 371. toxic, 372. nudge, 373. phrase

374. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
375. per_____on of beauty *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
376. re_____ve to change *adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
377. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
378. engineering und_____ate *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
379. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
380. ungrudging adm_____on *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
381. adm_____on by other people *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
382. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
383. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
384. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 374. reinforce, 375. perfection, 376. receptive, 377. constantly, 378. undergraduate, 379. solid, 380. admiration, 381. admiration, 382. cigarette, 383. opposed, 384. redefine

385. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
386. mi_____e changes *n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness
387. pe____t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
388. irr_____le minimum *adj.* impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something
389. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
390. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
391. w_n light *adj.* looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy
392. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
393. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
394. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

ANSWERS: 385. awesome, 386. midlife, 387. permit, 388. irreducible, 389. introductory, 390. conversation, 391. wan, 392. collaboration, 393. courage, 394. silicon

395. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
396. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
397. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
398. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
399. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
400. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
401. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
402. football po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
403. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
404. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
405. field of gene th_____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

ANSWERS: 395. virtual, 396. jean, 397. masculine, 398. jean, 399. frame, 400. critic, 401. obvious, 402. podcast, 403. impressive, 404. influence, 405. therapy

406. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
407. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
408. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
409. his vocal ch__ds *n.* a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time
410. use of inn_____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
411. a tra_____er of a family line *n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
412. eg_____ll paint *n.* the hard, outer layer of an egg, typically thin and fragile, and has a slightly rough texture
413. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
414. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
415. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
416. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

ANSWERS: 406. assistant, 407. hypothesis, 408. compete, 409. chord, 410. innovative, 411. transmitter, 412. eggshell, 413. frame, 414. facilitate, 415. grant, 416. cigarette

417. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
418. an isolated f__t *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
419. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
420. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
421. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
422. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
423. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
424. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
425. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
426. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
427. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
428. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 417. uplift, 418. fort, 419. shift, 420. maintain, 421. uplift, 422. definition, 423. strategy, 424. curiosity, 425. imply, 426. sentimental, 427. reinforce, 428. defend

429. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
430. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
431. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
432. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
433. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
434. dis_____ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
435. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
436. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
437. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
438. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
439. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 429. mask, 430. suppose, 431. folk, 432. inviting, 433. analyze, 434. disappointment, 435. pretension, 436. guilt, 437. profoundly, 438. collapse, 439. motivate

440. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
441. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
442. ru___e down the dirt track *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
443. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
444. a southern ex_____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
445. s__t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
446. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
447. fully co_____y with all laws *v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request
448. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
449. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
450. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 440. emotional, 441. absolute, 442. rumble, 443. opportune, 444. exposure, 445. spit, 446. mindset, 447. comply, 448. debate, 449. myth, 450. decide

451. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
452. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
453. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
454. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
455. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
456. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
457. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
458. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
459. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
460. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 451. strike, 452. psychology, 453. crisis, 454. embrace, 455. solid, 456. develop, 457. nuance, 458. jerk, 459. authentic, 460. vulnerable

461. on____d the new employees *v.* to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device
462. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
463. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
464. freudian psy_____sis *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
465. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
466. fo_____t a legal right *v.* to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
467. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
468. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

ANSWERS: 461. onboard, 462. psychology, 463. vocabulary, 464. psychoanalysis, 465. strategy, 466. forfeit, 467. addition, 468. occasion

469. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
470. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
471. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
472. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
473. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
474. co___y with a code *v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request
475. or_____ed graph *adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach
476. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
477. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
478. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
479. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
480. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 469. outcome, 470. hypothesis, 471. pretension, 472. collective, 473. firefighter, 474. comply, 475. oriented, 476. fascinating, 477. intellect, 478. collective, 479. compete, 480. sweat

481. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
482. imp_____ly known disease *adv.* in a faulty or incomplete way
483. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
484. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
485. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
486. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
487. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
488. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
489. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
490. worker p__k *n.* an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
491. a delicate fl___r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
492. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
493. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 481. extraordinary, 482. imperfectly, 483. hood, 484. insure, 485. grab, 486. embed, 487. opposition, 488. filter, 489. excel, 490. perk, 491. flavor, 492. appreciate, 493. explicit

494. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
495. 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
496. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
497. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
498. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
499. add a fe_____ne touch *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
500. annual bo__s *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
501. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
502. taste se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

ANSWERS: 494. defend, 495. assume, 496. contribution, 497. boundary, 498. setback, 499. feminine, 500. bonus, 501. grace, 502. sensation

503. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
504. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
505. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
506. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
507. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
508. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
509. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
510. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
511. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
512. aut_____ity verification *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
513. irr_____le complexity *adj.* impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something

ANSWERS: 503. hack, 504. firefighter, 505. exposure, 506. profound, 507. pilot, 508. communal, 509. silent, 510. folk, 511. ethos, 512. authenticity, 513. irreducible

514. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
515. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
516. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
517. ancient my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
518. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
519. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
520. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
521. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
522. 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
523. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 514. degree, 515. analyze, 516. shift, 517. mythology, 518. uncertain, 519. engineer, 520. valley, 521. definition, 522. process, 523. rank

524. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
525. di___l baseless rumors *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
526. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
527. in____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
528. major se____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
529. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
530. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
531. 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
532. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
533. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
534. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

ANSWERS: 524. dare, 525. dispel, 526. strength, 527. inherent, 528. setback, 529. delight, 530. communicate, 531. process, 532. valley, 533. empathy, 534. jerk

535. gas fi__r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
536. mi_____ne event *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
537. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
538. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
539. dis_____ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
540. acc_____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
541. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
542. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
543. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
544. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 535. filter, 536. milestone, 537. employee, 538. interpret, 539. disappointment, 540. accustomed, 541. introductory, 542. masculine, 543. crazy, 544. sweat

545. in_____ce a child's future

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

546. st_____le against discrimination

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

ANSWERS: 545. influence, 546. struggle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
 - v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

2. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
 - v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

3. 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

4. He could not _____ against temptation.
 - v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

5. The painting's _____ beauty made it difficult to look away.
 - adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

6. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
 - v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

7. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
 - v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 1. embedded, 2. maintain, 3. process, 4. struggle, 5. arresting, 6. collapsed, 7. motivate

8. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
9. 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
10. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
11. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
12. A yacht cruise is our company's ultimate _____.
n. an advantage or something extra, such as money or goods, you receive as well as your wages for doing a particular job
13. After a long work day, she likes to _____ on her accomplishments and plan for the next day.
v. to think deeply about something; to ponder
14. The train's _____ was small but comfortable.
n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
15. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

ANSWERS: 8. emotions, 9. script, 10. rewards, 11. Empathy, 12. perk, 13. ruminate, 14. compartment, 15. physically

16. He created an _____ shaped torso.

adv. in a faulty or incomplete way

17. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.

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

18. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

19. 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

20. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

21. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

22. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

23. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

ANSWERS: 16. imperfectly, 17. interrogate, 18. facilitate, 19. honor, 20. permit, 21. degree, 22. nuance, 23. hood

24. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

25. He planned to ____ the organization for negligence.

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

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

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

27. The curtain rose to _____ a fantastic set.

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

28. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

29. Yoga is known to have _____ benefits for the mind and body.

adj. relating to or involved in the treatment of illness or injury

30. The magic tricks _____ the children.

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

31. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.

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

32. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 24. peeled, 25. sue, 26. brave, 27. disclose, 28. discomfort, 29. therapeutic, 30. fascinated, 31. unlock, 32. hypothesis

33. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

34. His constant _____ made it difficult for him to connect with others.

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

35. You don't have to be _____.

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

36. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

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

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

38. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

39. 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

40. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.

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

ANSWERS: 33. extraordinary, 34. cynicism, 35. ashamed, 36. phrase, 37. develop, 38. inherent, 39. convinced, 40. observation

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

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

42. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

43. She sought _____ to understand her childhood traumas.

n. a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

44. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

45. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

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

46. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

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

47. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

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

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

ANSWERS: 41. horrible, 42. Silicon, 43. psychoanalysis, 44. alternative, 45. software, 46. employee, 47. competent, 48. suppose

49. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

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

50. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

51. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

52. 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

53. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

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

54. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

55. The class was composed of both _____ and graduate students.

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

56. She had a _____ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

57. 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

ANSWERS: 49. toxic, 50. absolutely, 51. profoundly, 52. doe, 53. compete, 54. importance, 55. undergraduate, 56. precarious, 57. flaw

58. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
59. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.
n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
60. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.
n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
61. 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
62. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.
adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
63. The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically _____ style.
adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
64. He could _____ his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.
v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
65. 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

ANSWERS: 58. curiosity, 59. spotlight, 60. integrity, 61. communicate, 62. uncertain, 63. feminine, 64. outsmart, 65. assumes

66. His ____ complexion showed that he was feeling very ill.

adj. looking pale or sickly; lacking vitality or energy

67. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

68. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

69. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

70. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

71. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.

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

72. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

73. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

ANSWERS: 66. wan, 67. adopted, 68. impressive, 69. trauma, 70. opposed, 71. schedule, 72. redefined, 73. athlete

74. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

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

75. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

76. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

77. The cancellation of the concert was a huge _____ for the fans.

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

78. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

79. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

80. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

81. Our _____ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

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

ANSWERS: 74. demonstrate, 75. uplift, 76. boundary, 77. disappointment, 78. constantly, 79. addition, 80. grab, 81. podcast

82. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
83. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
84. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
85. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
86. The museum's experts confirmed the _____ of the painting.
- n.* the quality of being real or genuine
87. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
- v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
88. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
89. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.
- n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 82. empowered, 83. rejected, 84. contribute, 85. brand, 86. authenticity, 87. imply, 88. opportune, 89. bucket

90. 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

91. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

92. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

93. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

94. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

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

95. The committee abolished the controversial _____ system.

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

96. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

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

ANSWERS: 90. inclusive, 91. influence, 92. sentimental, 93. meantime, 94. handle, 95. bonus, 96. background

97. The defendant may have to _____ his assets as part of his punishment.
- v. to lose or give up something as a penalty for wrongdoing; to renounce a right or privilege
98. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.
- n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
99. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
100. The incident _____ a political controversy.
- v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
101. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.
- adj. brave and taking risks
102. 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
103. The woods _____ the house.
- v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
104. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 97. forfeit, 98. exposure, 99. crisis, 100. triggered, 101. daring, 102. strike, 103. embrace, 104. launch

105. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
adj. extremely interesting
106. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.
n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
107. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
108. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
109. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
110. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
111. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
112. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.
n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

ANSWERS: 105. fascinating, 106. setback, 107. rethink, 108. evaluate, 109. contribution, 110. define, 111. outcome, 112. solver

113. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

114. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

- adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

115. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

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

116. If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning _____.

- n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

117. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

- adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

118. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

119. I _____ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

- v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

120. He believed that the complexity of human emotions was _____ to simple explanations or formulas.

- adj.* impossible to reduce or simplify to a simpler form or substance; essential or fundamental to the nature of something

ANSWERS: 113. observe, 114. scary, 115. strength, 116. sensation, 117. risky, 118. engineer, 119. regret, 120. irreducible

121. Reaching the _____ of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.

n. an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

122. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

123. I am _____ to waking up early for work.

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

124. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.

n. the quality of being extremely good

125. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

126. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

127. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

128. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 121. milestone, 122. intentions, 123. accustomed, 124. excellence, 125. bunch, 126. clarify, 127. debate, 128. reinforce

129. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
130. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
131. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.
n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
132. The little girl practiced her ballet routine until she achieved _____.
n. the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
133. He was _____ gifted.
adv. as might be expected; by natural manners
134. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
135. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
136. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

ANSWERS: 129. appreciate, 130. vocabulary, 131. surgeon, 132. perfection, 133. naturally, 134. pitch, 135. silent, 136. embedded

137. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

138. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

139. He studies Greek and Roman _____.

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

140. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

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

141. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

142. There are numerous _____ about food and health.

n. a belief or an idea that is wrong because it has been based on faulty thinking, understanding, or hypothesis

143. The thunder _____ in the distance.

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

144. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

145. The pianist played a _____ that filled the room with a rich, harmonious sound.

n. a straight line connecting two points on a curve; a combination of three or more musical notes played or sung at the same time

ANSWERS: 137. depth, 138. delight, 139. mythology, 140. awesome, 141. inviting, 142. misconceptions, 143. rumbled, 144. perceived, 145. chord

146. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

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

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

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

148. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.

- n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

149. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

- n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

150. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.

- adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

151. Many people go through a _____ crisis and contemplate major life changes.

- n.* the period of life between young adulthood and old age, typically characterized by a sense of maturity, stability, and sometimes, dissatisfaction or restlessness

152. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

153. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

ANSWERS: 146. identity, 147. psychology, 148. vice, 149. preference, 150. nuanced, 151. midlife, 152. examine, 153. critics

154. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

155. 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

156. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

157. Her _____ is to be a mother.

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

158. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

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

159. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

160. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

161. This substance acts as a neural _____ substance.

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

ANSWERS: 154. definitely, 155. decide, 156. sweat, 157. priority, 158. suits, 159. combination, 160. masculine, 161. transmitter

162. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

163. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

164. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

165. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

166. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

167. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

168. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

169. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 162. granted, 163. flavor, 164. frame, 165. strategy, 166. badge, 167. pretensions, 168. compliment, 169. belong

170. The _____ of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.

n. the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation

171. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

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

172. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

173. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

174. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

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

175. 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

176. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

177. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

178. The company _____ in customer service.

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

ANSWERS: 170. gist, 171. absolute, 172. pilot, 173. investors, 174. folk, 175. relations, 176. straight, 177. excited, 178. excels

179. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

180. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

181. The recipe calls for four cups of flour _____ one tablespoon.

- adj.* subtracting or taking away; having a value less than zero

182. The artist received _____ for their work from critics and fans alike.

- n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

183. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

184. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.

- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

185. 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

186. It takes time for your body to _____ to a new environment.

- v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

187. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 179. conversation, 180. norms, 181. minus, 182. admiration, 183. exciting, 184. jeans, 185. catalyst, 186. acclimate, 187. Wrap

188. 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
189. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
190. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
- v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
191. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
192. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
193. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.
- v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
194. This program aims to _____ certain misconceptions about the disease.
- v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
195. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
- n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 188. episode, 189. courage, 190. assess, 191. quotation, 192. analyze, 193. mask, 194. dispel, 195. collaboration

196. Many cancer patients undergo _____ as a treatment option.
n. the treatment of disease, particularly cancer, using special drugs that have a toxic effect on cancer cells; frequently used in conjunction with other therapies such as surgery and radiation
197. 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
198. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
199. Different people might _____ this news differently.
v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
200. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
201. The stages of the play were meticulously _____.
adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
202. They _____ admired our actions.
adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
203. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.
n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

ANSWERS: 196. chemotherapy, 197. virtual, 198. argument, 199. interpret, 200. myth, 201. authentic, 202. greatly, 203. privacy

204. The therapist tried to _____ his negative thoughts.

- v.* to reinterpret, rephrase, or redefine an issue, situation, or question in a different way

205. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.

- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

206. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

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

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

208. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.

- v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

209. The voters appeared to be _____ to his new ideas.

- adj.* willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

210. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

- n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

211. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 204. reframe, 205. mindset, 206. Communal, 207. indicator, 208. insure, 209. receptive, 210. occasion, 211. valley

212. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

213. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

214. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

215. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

216. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

217. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

218. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

219. The knights wore heavy _____ for protection during battle.

n. a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage

ANSWERS: 212. resonates, 213. hacking, 214. assistant, 215. extreme, 216. insights, 217. intellect, 218. context, 219. armor

220. Research has shown that rigid ideas of _____ can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.
- n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
221. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
222. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
223. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
- adj.* relating to people's feelings
224. The teacher emphasized the importance of _____ encouraging students to apply their theoretical understanding to real-world problems.
- n.* the practical application or implementation of a theory or idea, often in a social or political context
225. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
226. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.
- n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
227. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 220. masculinity, 221. discuss, 222. incredibly, 223. emotional, 224. praxis, 225. opposition, 226. segments, 227. appropriate

228. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
229. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
230. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
231. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
232. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.
adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
233. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.
adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
234. She tried to _____ out the gum that she had been chewing.
v. to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
235. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

ANSWERS: 228. nudged, 229. cigarette, 230. profound, 231. definition, 232. courageous, 233. unfair, 234. spit, 235. frequency

236. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.

- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

237. His _____ of literary works are often unique.

- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

238. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

239. Product development is a _____ effort.

- adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people

240. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

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

241. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.

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

242. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

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

243. Each person has a unique _____ experience.

- n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

ANSWERS: 236. ethos, 237. interpretations, 238. filter, 239. collective, 240. comfort, 241. therapy, 242. grace, 243. grief

244. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
245. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
246. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
247. A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the _____.
n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
248. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
249. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
250. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
251. I gently removed the _____ from the freshly boiled egg.
n. the hard, outer layer of an egg, typically thin and fragile, and has a slightly rough texture

ANSWERS: 244. huddled, 245. vulnerable, 246. rank, 247. curriculum, 248. jerked, 249. reaction, 250. military, 251. eggshell

252. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.

- n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

253. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

- adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

254. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

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

255. The _____ from the community on the proposed policy change was intense and widespread.

- n.* resistance, opposition, or an adverse reaction to a plan, idea, or proposal; a deliberate effort to resist, challenge, or oppose external pressure or influence; (verb) to resist or object to a proposal, idea, or plan

256. The stone _____ was built to protect the city from invading forces.

- n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack

257. She heard a _____ nearly invisible scream.

- adj.* not strong, clear, or vigorous; slight or weak

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

- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

259. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

- n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 252. guilt, 253. innovative, 254. introductory, 255. pushback, 256. fort, 257. faint, 258. obvious, 259. shift

260. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

261. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

262. The public schools _____ with federal standards.

v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request

263. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

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

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

265. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

266. I needed help understanding the advanced _____ course material.

n. a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

267. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

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

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

ANSWERS: 260. crazy, 261. barrier, 262. comply, 263. dare, 264. defend, 265. firefighter, 266. calculus, 267. solid-state, 268. stretch

269. The passengers were instructed to _____ the aircraft as quickly as possible so that the flight could depart on time.

- v.* to become or make part of a team, group, or system; to install, activate, or begin using a piece of equipment or software; (adjective) included or integrated into a particular system, machine, or device

270. The company is very customer-_____ and strives to provide excellent service.

- adj.* referring to someone or something that is focused or directed toward a particular goal or objective; organized around a specific principle or approach

271. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

- adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

272. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

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

273. The data he prepared was completely _____.

- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 269. onboard, 270. oriented, 271. explicit, 272. confidence, 273. sham