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Session 1: Word List

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

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.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

candlelight

n. light provided by a candle or candles

synonym: lamp light, oil light, firelight

(1) **candlelight** dinner, (2) **candlelight** vigil

The room was dimly lit by soft **candlelight**.

abundance

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

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

toothpaste

n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

synonym: paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube

I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym: blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

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.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headache

expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle
The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

foster

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

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids
The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

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.

downward

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

synonym: lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past

month.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym: coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

straddle

v. to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

synonym: straddle, sit astride, span

(1) **straddle** a fence, (2) **straddle** a motorcycle

We had to **straddle** the fallen tree to cross the river.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

comprehension

n. the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

synonym: understanding, knowledge, insight

(1) **comprehension** level, (2) a listening **comprehension** test

Her **comprehension** of the material was impressive for someone so young.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

conventional

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

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

wisdom

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

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

smartphone

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

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation
The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

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.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym: acquire, collect, obtain

(1) **garner** good reviews, (2) **garner** attention

He used his charm and charisma to **garner** support for his campaign.

prototype

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

synonym: mock-up, precursor, model

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

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

cab

n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

synonym: taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

adoption

n. the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

synonym: fostering, acceptance, custody

(1) **adoption** assistance, (2) the **adoption** of a plan

The **adoption** process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

suitable

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

synonym: appropriate, fitting, proper

(1) **suitable** amount, (2) date **suitable** to both groups

The dress was **suitable** for the formal occasion.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

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

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

quantum

n. the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

(1) probabilistic **quantum** theory, (2) laws of **quantum** mechanics

Big techs are now eager to develop **quantum** computers.

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.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

talent

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

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

trove

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

synonym: hoard, collection, assemblage

(1) **trove** of information, (2) stumble on a **trove**

The treasure **trove** of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

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**.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

ecosystem

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

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

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

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.

lab

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

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

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.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

groundbreaking

adj. producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

synonym: innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

semiconductor

n. a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices

synonym: chip, wafer

(1) **semiconductor** industry, (2) **semiconductor** device

The company develops and sells **semiconductor** memory for use in computers and servers.

stardom

n. the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

synonym: fame, acclaim, celebrity

(1) rise to **stardom**, (2) chance at **stardom**

The actress shot to **stardom** in a few years.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym: even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

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**.

cast

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

synonym: throw, project, select

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

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

tally

n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers

synonym: count, record, score

(1) keep a **tally**, (2) **tally** sheet

Let's keep a **tally** of the votes to see who won the election.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

synonym: award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

combine

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

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

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.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;
(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym: organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

chain

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

synonym: series, string, link

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

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

battery

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

synonym: electric cell, array, batch

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

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

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

charger

n. a device used to supply electricity to recharge a battery or power a device

synonym: power supply, adaptor, transformer

(1) portable **charger**, (2) battery **charger**

Remember to bring your phone **charger** with you when you go on vacation.

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.

economy

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

synonym: finance, trade, business

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

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

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

almighty

adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

synonym: omnipotent, all-powerful, supreme

(1) **almighty** power, (2) **almighty** dollar

The **almighty** ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

bankruptcy

n. the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

synonym: insolvency, default, ruin

(1) **bankruptcy** court, (2) **bankruptcy** filing

The **bankruptcy** of the company has left many workers without jobs.

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.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym: base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym: opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

vie

v. to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

synonym: compete, contend, strive

(1) **vie** for a trophy, (2) **vie** for attention

They both **vied** for the top spot in the company.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

ruthless

adj. lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

synonym: heartless, pitiless, merciless

(1) show **ruthless** behavior, (2) **ruthless** brutality

The dictator was known for his **ruthless** tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym: funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym: partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

vigorous

adj. characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought

synonym: energetic, robust, enthusiastic

(1) **vigorous** debate, (2) **vigorous** exercise

He conducts a **vigorous** workout routine to stay in shape.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

cactus

n. a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

synonym: desert plant, succulent, thornbush

(1) small **cactus**, (2) potted **cactus**

The hiker got pricked by a **cactus** needle while walking.

rename

v. to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

synonym: rebrand, rechristen, re-label

(1) **rename** the street, (2) **rename** in plain English

The new owners **renamed** the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

big-shot

n. a highly important or influential person; someone who is considered to be powerful or successful, especially in a particular field or industry

synonym: VIP, mogul, high roller

(1) Hollywood **big-shot**, (2) political **big-shot**

The CEO is considered a **big-shot** in the business world, with a net worth of billions.

intrepid

adj. courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties

synonym: unfearing, courageous, dauntless

(1) **intrepid** personality, (2) **intrepid** travelers

There were still **intrepid** pioneers who planned to start their businesses

entrepreneur

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

synonym: founder, executive

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

ilk

n. a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities

synonym: type, kind, sort

(1) people of his **ilk**, (2) the same **ilk**

The company hired consultants of the same **ilk** to provide advice.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

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.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

clutter

n. to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy

synonym: mess, chaos, jumble

(1) in a **clutter**, (2) clear desk **clutter**

He accused the tenants of leaving **clutter** and breaking the security camera.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

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

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

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym: sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

revenue

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

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

economics

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

synonym: social science, finance, business

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

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

agglomeration

n. a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group

synonym: cluster, accumulation, mass

(1) **agglomeration** of data, (2) urban **agglomeration**

The **agglomeration** of buildings in the downtown area makes it difficult to navigate on foot.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym: boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

Multiply a number by itself twice.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

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

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

stakeholder

n. a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business

synonym: shareholder, interested party

(1) **stakeholder** engagement, (2) improve **stakeholder**

relations

The organization held **stakeholder** consultations to gather input on the project.

representation

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

synonym: delegacy, manifestation, expression

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

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

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym: develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

bet

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

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

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

I **bet** that you know it.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

degradation

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

synonym: depravity, degeneration, deterioration

(1) **degradation** by heat, (2) live in **degradation**

Many researchers are monitoring environmental **degradation** in real-time through satellites.

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym: pressing, critical, immediate

(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

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

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

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

endorse

v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something

synonym: approve, support, advocate

(1) **endorse** candidate, (2) **endorse** a check

The celebrity **endorsed** the new product on social media.

tarmac

n. a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

synonym: runway, airstrip, path

(1) **tarmac** repair, (2) **tarmac** a driveway

The plane pulled onto the **tarmac** and stopped at the gate.

takeoff

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

synonym: leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

mesmerize

v. to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

synonym: captivate, trance, enchant

(1) **mesmerize** a subject, (2) **mesmerize** with magic

The magician's performance **mesmerized** the audience.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

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.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

frost

n. a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

synonym: freeze, ice, blight

(1) five degrees of **frost**, (2) **frost** line

The **frost** on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

juggernaut

n. a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution

synonym: powerhouse, behemoth, giant

(1) **juggernaut** growth, (2) marketing **juggernaut**

The tech giant has become a **juggernaut** in the industry with no sign of slowing down.

rear *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
synonym: back, end, behind
(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children
The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

pace *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
synonym: gait, rate, speed
(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**
The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

overhaul *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
synonym: renovation, revamp, modernization
(1) **overhaul** process, (2) vehicle **overhaul**
The mechanic suggested an **overhaul** of the engine to improve performance.

regain *v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
synonym: recover, reclaim, retrieve
(1) **regain** our reputation, (2) **regain** my health
After years of hard work, he finally **regained** his financial stability.

subsequent *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
synonym: later, following, ensuing
(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

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**.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding
I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

germ

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

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment
The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts
They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature
Constant dropping wears away the stone.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym: border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

malaria

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

sacred

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

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image
This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

unnecessary

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important
synonym: redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle
The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

misery

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
synonym: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**
Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**
The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky
synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person
He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. la___h a spaceship into orbit | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 2. critical m__s | <i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together |
| 3. crystalline si____n | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 4. co____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 5. nu____d view | <i>adj.</i> characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc. |
| 6. ru____ss brutality | <i>adj.</i> lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others |
| 7. live in deg____on | <i>n.</i> the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state |
| 8. na___n-state | <i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture |

ANSWERS: 1. launch, 2. mass, 3. silicon, 4. communal, 5. nuanced, 6. ruthless, 7. degradation, 8. nation

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| 9. di_____ge the clutch | <i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship |
| 10. fr_____er disputes | <i>n.</i> a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line |
| 11. ind_____al alcohol | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or resulting from industry |
| 12. s__n a document into PDF | <i>v.</i> to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information |
| 13. re___e in plain English | <i>v.</i> to give a new name to something; to change the name of something |
| 14. st_____le a fence | <i>v.</i> to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests |
| 15. loss of bio_____ity | <i>n.</i> the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment |
| 16. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 17. mu___l efforts | <i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties |
| 18. ta__y sheet | <i>n.</i> a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers |
| 19. co_____e fiercely | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |

ANSWERS: 9. disengage, 10. frontier, 11. industrial, 12. scan, 13. rename, 14. straddle, 15. biodiversity, 16. innovate, 17. mutual, 18. tally, 19. compete

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| 20. agg_____ion of data | <i>n.</i> a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group |
| 21. economic ge_____hy | <i>n.</i> a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth |
| 22. the ad_____on of a plan | <i>n.</i> the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval |
| 23. an age of ab_____ce | <i>n.</i> a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something |
| 24. an eco_____al meal | <i>adj.</i> providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary |
| 25. c__t a ballot | <i>v.</i> to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process |
| 26. ec_____y of scale | <i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel |
| 27. private eq____y firm | <i>n.</i> the value of the shares issued by a company |
| 28. date su_____le to both groups | <i>adj.</i> fit or appropriate; proper; adapted |

ANSWERS: 20. agglomeration, 21. geography, 22. adoption, 23. abundance, 24. economical, 25. cast, 26. economy, 27. equity, 28. suitable

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| 29. the country's is _____ on | <i>n.</i> the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups |
| 30. a bl__t of wind | <i>n.</i> explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise |
| 31. s__r of the moment | <i>n.</i> a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something |
| 32. ga___r good reviews | <i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention |
| 33. the local chamber of co____ce | <i>n.</i> the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale |
| 34. tr_____ on cubic feet | <i>n.</i> the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million |
| 35. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 36. basin-shaped va___y | <i>n.</i> a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river |
| 37. gi__t trees | <i>adj.</i> enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are |
| 38. dec_____ize authority | <i>v.</i> to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones |
| 39. r__p the benefits | <i>v.</i> to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done |

ANSWERS: 29. isolation, 30. blast, 31. spur, 32. garner, 33. commerce, 34. trillion, 35. environment, 36. valley, 37. giant, 38. decentralize, 39. reap

40. fi_____ng activity	<i>n.</i> the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
41. binary rep_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
42. mis_____and each other	<i>v.</i> to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
43. yellow c_b	<i>n.</i> a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
44. tax re_____e	<i>n.</i> the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
45. too_____te hygiene product	<i>n.</i> a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
46. change the ec_____em	<i>n.</i> all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
47. a con_____nal style	<i>adj.</i> based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
48. annual re_____e	<i>n.</i> the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
49. ex_____ge a few friendly words	<i>v.</i> to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 40. financing, 41. representation, 42. misunderstand, 43. cab, 44. revenue, 45. toothpaste, 46. ecosystem, 47. conventional, 48. revenue, 49. exchange

50. die su____ly	<i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly
51. gi__t tech company	<i>adj.</i> enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
52. d__y authority	<i>v.</i> to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
53. an ab_____ce of examples	<i>n.</i> a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
54. deg_____on by heat	<i>n.</i> the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
55. urban agg_____ion	<i>n.</i> a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group
56. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases	<i>n.</i> the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
57. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
58. re_____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
59. en_____e candidate	<i>v.</i> to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
60. a successful ent_____eur	<i>n.</i> an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
61. o_t out of society	<i>v.</i> to make a choice from a range of possibilities

ANSWERS: 50. suddenly, 51. giant, 52. defy, 53. abundance, 54. degradation, 55. agglomeration, 56. emission, 57. communal, 58. relation, 59. endorse, 60. entrepreneur, 61. opt

62. sp___e visa	<i>n.</i> a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
63. gro_____ing concept	<i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
64. beat com_____or offer	<i>n.</i> a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
65. vertical ta_____f	<i>n.</i> a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
66. untold mi_____y	<i>n.</i> a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
67. the agricultural yield per ca_____a	<i>n.</i> a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
68. l_b instrument	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
69. stumble on a tr___e	<i>n.</i> a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
70. me_____n name	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
71. ine_____nt management	<i>adj.</i> lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
72. fuel sc_____ty	<i>n.</i> the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
73. in___t capital	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 62. spouse, 63. groundbreaking, 64. competitor, 65. takeoff, 66. misery, 67. capita, 68. lab, 69. trove, 70. mention, 71. inefficient, 72. scarcity, 73. invest

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| 74. sales rep_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting |
| 75. de_____p a skill | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 76. ex_____ge rate | <i>v.</i> to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded |
| 77. can_____ht dinner | <i>n.</i> light provided by a candle or candles |
| 78. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 79. si_____n wafer | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 80. s__n the face of the man | <i>v.</i> to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information |
| 81. co_____t a background check | <i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity |

ANSWERS: 74. representation, 75. develop, 76. exchange, 77. candlelight, 78. smartphone, 79. silicon, 80. scan, 81. conduct

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| 82. the speaker's dr__e | <i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control |
| 83. early pr____pe | <i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed |
| 84. er____te racial discrimination | <i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad |
| 85. ov____ke a milestone | <i>v.</i> to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else |
| 86. nu__e price levels up | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 87. welfare ec____cs | <i>n.</i> the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services |
| 88. ec____y class | <i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel |

ANSWERS: 82. drone, 83. prototype, 84. eradicate, 85. overtake, 86. nudge, 87. economics, 88. economy

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| 89. cr____ve writing | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 90. co____e electricity | <i>v.</i> to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount |
| 91. st____le a motorcycle | <i>v.</i> to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests |
| 92. o_t for a traditional wedding | <i>v.</i> to make a choice from a range of possibilities |
| 93. me____ze a subject | <i>v.</i> to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of |
| 94. improve sta_____er relations | <i>n.</i> a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business |
| 95. a co____nt wind | <i>adj.</i> happening repeatedly or all the time |
| 96. b_t on a race | <i>v.</i> to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something |
| 97. c__t a charming eye | <i>v.</i> to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process |
| 98. a l__n horse | <i>adj.</i> having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture |

ANSWERS: 89. creative, 90. consume, 91. straddle, 92. opt, 93. mesmerize, 94. stakeholder, 95. constant, 96. bet, 97. cast, 98. lean

99. in____te a new method	<i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
100. sw__l a population	<i>v.</i> to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
101. ind____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
102. potted ca____s	<i>n.</i> a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
103. numerous un____in factors	<i>adj.</i> not being sure of something; not being able to choose
104. vi____us debate	<i>adj.</i> characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought
105. d__y gravity	<i>v.</i> to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
106. co____e chemically with another substance	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group
107. intraspecific com____on	<i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
108. man____re an enzyme	<i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
109. ed____ed adult	<i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education
110. ban____cy filing	<i>n.</i> the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

ANSWERS: 99. innovate, 100. swell, 101. industrious, 102. cactus, 103. uncertain, 104. vigorous, 105. defy, 106. combine, 107. competition, 108. manufacture, 109. educated, 110. bankruptcy

111. ga_____ze the country	<i>v.</i> to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
112. inn_____on leader	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
113. get a con_____nal loan	<i>adj.</i> based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
114. a listening com_____ion test	<i>n.</i> the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
115. clear desk cl_____r	<i>n.</i> to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy
116. rise to st_____m	<i>n.</i> the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.
117. environmental th____t	<i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
118. dr__e flight	<i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
119. media bl_____ut	<i>n.</i> a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

ANSWERS: 111. galvanize, 112. innovation, 113. conventional, 114. comprehension, 115. clutter, 116. stardom, 117. threat, 118. drone, 119. blackout

120. the clear co____ry	<i>n.</i> acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
121. in____id travelers	<i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties
122. Hollywood bi____ot	<i>n.</i> a highly important or influential person; someone who is considered to be powerful or successful, especially in a particular field or industry
123. ban____cy court	<i>n.</i> the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
124. sa____d music	<i>adj.</i> connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
125. pos____ty for growth	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
126. l__n athletic figure	<i>adj.</i> having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
127. ga____r attention	<i>v.</i> to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
128. t_p keyboard with an index finger	<i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
129. ma____a mosquitoes	<i>n.</i> a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
130. the gen____on of electricity	<i>n.</i> all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 120. contrary, 121. intrepid, 122. big-shot, 123. bankruptcy, 124. sacred, 125. possibility, 126. lean, 127. garner, 128. tap, 129. malaria, 130. generation

131. col_____ion between companies	<i>n.</i>	the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
132. dec_____ize organizational structure	<i>v.</i>	to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
133. take an un_____in attitude	<i>adj.</i>	not being sure of something; not being able to choose
134. r__l down his cheeks	<i>v.</i>	to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
135. is_____on booth	<i>n.</i>	the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
136. jug_____ut growth	<i>n.</i>	a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution
137. the ul_____te goal in life	<i>adj.</i>	furthest or highest in degree or order
138. the em_____on of light	<i>n.</i>	the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
139. y__l for help	<i>v.</i>	to shout in a sudden and loud way
140. co_____ry evidence	<i>n.</i>	acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
141. at your own p__e	<i>n.</i>	the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
142. chance at st_____m	<i>n.</i>	the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

ANSWERS: 131. collaboration, 132. decentralize, 133. uncertain, 134. roll, 135. isolation, 136. juggernaut, 137. ultimate, 138. emission, 139. yell, 140. contrary, 141. pace, 142. stardom

143. portable ch____r	<i>n.</i>	a device used to supply electricity to recharge a battery or power a device
144. a seafaring na____n	<i>n.</i>	a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
145. ur____ze a region	<i>v.</i>	to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
146. ba____y charging	<i>n.</i>	a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
147. col____te with the police	<i>v.</i>	to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
148. a fountain of wi____m	<i>n.</i>	the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
149. tr____rt facilities	<i>n.</i>	a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
150. on the ve__e of tears	<i>n.</i>	the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
151. the list was ar____ed alphabetically	<i>v.</i>	to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
152. the great di____ry of the century	<i>n.</i>	the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 143. charger, 144. nation, 145. urbanize, 146. battery, 147. collaborate, 148. wisdom, 149. transport, 150. verge, 151. arrange, 152. discovery

153. unn_____ry expense	<i>adj.</i> not needed or required; not essential or important
154. com_____ion level	<i>n.</i> the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience
155. buy the company's st__e	<i>n.</i> a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
156. keep a ta__y	<i>n.</i> a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
157. enforce rev_____ary justice	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
158. coo_____te a special project	<i>v.</i> to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
159. access to public tr_____rt	<i>n.</i> a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
160. sma_____ne app developer	<i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
161. billionaire ent_____eur	<i>n.</i> an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
162. co_____ed of the idea	<i>adj.</i> completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 153. unnecessary, 154. comprehension, 155. stake, 156. tally, 157. revolutionary, 158. coordinate, 159. transport, 160. smartphone, 161. entrepreneur, 162. convinced

163. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
164. 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
165. fr__t line *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
166. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
167. taxi c_b *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
168. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
169. a do_____rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
170. five degrees of fr__t *n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing
171. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 163. universal, 164. process, 165. frost, 166. creative, 167. cab, 168. subsequent, 169. downward, 170. frost, 171. inefficient

172. ur___t situation	<i>adj.</i> requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
173. b_t my future	<i>v.</i> to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
174. en____us potential	<i>adj.</i> extremely large or great
175. su____le amount	<i>adj.</i> fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
176. unn____ry hassle	<i>adj.</i> not needed or required; not essential or important
177. ov____ke a rival	<i>v.</i> to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
178. maintain do____rd compatibility	<i>adj.</i> moving towards a lower position or a lower level
179. gov____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
180. military st____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
181. gold me__l	<i>n.</i> a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
182. co____e against a friend	<i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

ANSWERS: 172. urgent, 173. bet, 174. enormous, 175. suitable, 176. unnecessary, 177. overtake, 178. downward, 179. government, 180. strategy, 181. medal, 182. compete

183. st____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
184. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
185. ov____ul process *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
186. re___e the street *v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something
187. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
188. domestic com____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
189. vehicle ov____ul *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

ANSWERS: 183. striking, 184. rear, 185. overhaul, 186. rename, 187. enormous, 188. competitor, 189. overhaul

190. battery ch____r	<i>n.</i> a device used to supply electricity to recharge a battery or power a device
191. the common but nu____d opinion	<i>adj.</i> characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
192. ur____ze transportation systems	<i>v.</i> to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
193. ch__n reaction	<i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
194. ge_____hy class	<i>n.</i> a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
195. v_e for a trophy	<i>v.</i> to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
196. do____te over the weak	<i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
197. the Italian fr____er with Switzerland	<i>n.</i> a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
198. hor_____al lines	<i>adj.</i> parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
199. in____id personality	<i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties
200. marine ec_____em	<i>n.</i> all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 190. charger, 191. nuanced, 192. urbanize, 193. chain, 194. geography, 195. vie, 196. dominate, 197. frontier, 198. horizontal, 199. intrepid, 200. ecosystem

201. mis_____and entirely about her	<i>v.</i>	to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
202. raw ta____t	<i>n.</i>	a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
203. ga_____ze steel	<i>v.</i>	to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
204. execution by burning at a st__e	<i>n.</i>	a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
205. sc_____ty of capital	<i>n.</i>	the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
206. hor_____al stripes	<i>adj.</i>	parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
207. st_____ng innovation	<i>adj.</i>	attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
208. the same i_k	<i>n.</i>	a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
209. an icy bl__t	<i>n.</i>	explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
210. the ch__l of autumn	<i>n.</i>	a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

ANSWERS: 201. misunderstand, 202. talent, 203. galvanize, 204. stake, 205. scarcity, 206. horizontal, 207. striking, 208. ilk, 209. blast, 210. chill

211. y__l as loud as we can	<i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way
212. man_____re a product	<i>v.</i> to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
213. sp___e tax deduction	<i>n.</i> a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
214. su_____al food	<i>n.</i> the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
215. ta___c a driveway	<i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
216. v_e for attention	<i>v.</i> to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise
217. sp___l staircase	<i>n.</i> a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
218. a dry ba____y	<i>n.</i> a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
219. per_____on of a stimulus	<i>n.</i> a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 211. yell, 212. manufacture, 213. spouse, 214. survival, 215. tarmac, 216. vie, 217. spiral, 218. battery, 219. perception

220. small ca___s	<i>n.</i> a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers
221. the ul____te luxury	<i>adj.</i> furthest or highest in degree or order
222. too_____te tube	<i>n.</i> a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
223. art cr___c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
224. a g__m-free environment	<i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
225. in___t in stocks	<i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
226. tec_____cal policy	<i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress
227. bio_____ity conservation	<i>n.</i> the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
228. antibiotic-resistant g__m	<i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
229. va___y bottom	<i>n.</i> a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
230. the runner's p__e	<i>n.</i> the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

ANSWERS: 220. cactus, 221. ultimate, 222. toothpaste, 223. critic, 224. germ, 225. invest, 226. technological, 227. biodiversity, 228. germ, 229. valley, 230. pace

231. ad____on assistance	<i>n.</i> the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
232. col____te on a press release	<i>v.</i> to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
233. feel a slight ch__l	<i>n.</i> a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
234. laws of qu____m mechanics	<i>n.</i> the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
235. r__l a ball	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
236. a co____nt temperature	<i>adj.</i> happening repeatedly or all the time
237. p__m to the dead	<i>n.</i> a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
238. reduce sub____nt mortality	<i>adj.</i> happening or occurring later or after something else
239. su____al ability	<i>n.</i> the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
240. per ca____a sales	<i>n.</i> a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
241. in____t under the skin	<i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 231. adoption, 232. collaborate, 233. chill, 234. quantum, 235. roll, 236. constant, 237. poem, 238. subsequent, 239. survival, 240. capita, 241. inject

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| 242. co____t research | <i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity |
| 243. memory bl____ut | <i>n.</i> a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness |
| 244. re____ze talent | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered |
| 245. in____t a personal opinion into a debate | <i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube) |
| 246. ed____ed speech | <i>adj.</i> having received a high standard of education |
| 247. de____p a strategy | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 248. probabilistic qu____m theory | <i>n.</i> the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy |
| 249. tec____cal advancement | <i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress |
| 250. mu____ly 5 and 6 | <i>v.</i> to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity |

ANSWERS: 242. conduct, 243. blackout, 244. recognize, 245. inject, 246. educated, 247. develop, 248. quantum, 249. technological, 250. multiply

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| 251. la___h a big attack | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 252. a prize me__l | <i>n.</i> a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor |
| 253. re___n my health | <i>v.</i> to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away |
| 254. many tr____ons of dollars | <i>n.</i> the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million |
| 255. s__r a momentum of economic growth | <i>n.</i> a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something |
| 256. mu____ly about hundredfold | <i>v.</i> to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity |
| 257. cutting-edge inn_____on | <i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation |
| 258. v__e-chair of the committee | <i>n.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 251. launch, 252. medal, 253. regain, 254. trillion, 255. spur, 256. multiply, 257. innovation, 258. vice

259. sp___l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
260. the cy___e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
261. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
262. ma_____a-endemic area *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
263. a l___s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
264. a convex l___s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
265. me_____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
266. sw___l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 259. spiral, 260. cycle, 261. convinced, 262. malaria, 263. lens, 264. lens, 265. mesmerize, 266. swell

267. interstate co_____ce	<i>n.</i> the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
268. complete a pr_____pe product	<i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
269. su_____ly attacked by an enemy	<i>adv.</i> quickly and unexpectedly
270. re_____ze achievement	<i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
271. fl_____sh economically	<i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
272. a scientific di_____ry	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
273. an ur____t telegram	<i>adj.</i> requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
274. al_____ty power	<i>adj.</i> having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
275. co_____ve coal resources	<i>v.</i> to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
276. me_____n in a report	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
277. develop a st_____gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 267. commerce, 268. prototype, 269. suddenly, 270. recognize, 271. flourish, 272. discovery, 273. urgent, 274. almighty, 275. conserve, 276. mention, 277. strategy

278. re___e collection	<i>n.</i> a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
279. wi___m literature	<i>n.</i> the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
280. fo___r two kids	<i>v.</i> to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
281. the in_____on of new techniques	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
282. retain everyone's di____y	<i>n.</i> the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
283. administrative hea_____er	<i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
284. sem_____tor industry	<i>n.</i> a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
285. m_r the reputation	<i>v.</i> to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
286. di_____ge socially	<i>v.</i> to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
287. common in_____on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
288. col_____ion platform	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 278. recipe, 279. wisdom, 280. foster, 281. invention, 282. dignity, 283. headquarter, 284. semiconductor, 285. mar, 286. disengage, 287. invention, 288. collaboration

289. er_____te the deficit	<i>v.</i> to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
290. re_____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
291. ta_____f run	<i>n.</i> a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
292. gro_____ing settlement	<i>adj.</i> producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
293. a person of diverse ta____ts	<i>n.</i> a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
294. l____e foreign investment	<i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something
295. ve____e of bankruptcy	<i>n.</i> the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
296. a m____s of molten rock	<i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
297. ta____c repair	<i>n.</i> a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

ANSWERS: 289. eradicate, 290. relation, 291. takeoff, 292. groundbreaking, 293. talent, 294. lure, 295. verge, 296. mass, 297. tarmac

298. the r__r gate	<i>adj.</i> at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
299. can_____ht vigil	<i>n.</i> light provided by a candle or candles
300. people of his i_k	<i>n.</i> a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities
301. gen_____on gap	<i>n.</i> all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
302. fo_____te situation	<i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky
303. en_____e a check	<i>v.</i> to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
304. a re____l dealer	<i>n.</i> the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
305. respect for human di_____y	<i>n.</i> the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
306. an emergency hea_____er	<i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
307. medical l_b	<i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
308. co_____e a large of alcohol	<i>v.</i> to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
309. eq____y capital market	<i>n.</i> the value of the shares issued by a company

ANSWERS: 298. rear, 299. candlelight, 300. ilk, 301. generation, 302. fortunate, 303. endorse, 304. retail, 305. dignity, 306. headquarter, 307. lab, 308. consume, 309. equity

310. less fo_____te person	<i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky
311. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
312. do_____te possession	<i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
313. supply ch___n	<i>n.</i> a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
314. al_____ty dollar	<i>adj.</i> having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent
315. un_____al life	<i>adj.</i> existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
316. re___n our reputation	<i>v.</i> to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away
317. t_p a new market	<i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
318. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
319. re___e book	<i>n.</i> a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
320. keen per_____on	<i>n.</i> a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 310. fortunate, 311. possibility, 312. dominate, 313. chain, 314. almighty, 315. universal, 316. regain, 317. tap, 318. government, 319. recipe, 320. perception

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| 321. tr__e of information | <i>n.</i> a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth |
| 322. vi____us exercise | <i>adj.</i> characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought |
| 323. pr____s improvement | <i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products |
| 324. share of a mu___l fund | <i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties |
| 325. show ru____ss behavior | <i>adj.</i> lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others |
| 326. ec____cs professor | <i>n.</i> the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services |
| 327. eco____al use of her time | <i>adj.</i> providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary |
| 328. a narrative p__m | <i>n.</i> a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery |

ANSWERS: 321. trove, 322. vigorous, 323. process, 324. mutual, 325. ruthless, 326. economics, 327. economical, 328. poem

329. means to co____ve energy	<i>v.</i> to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
330. re____l store	<i>n.</i> the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
331. chaotic env____nt	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
332. sem____tor device	<i>n.</i> a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
333. sta____er engagement	<i>n.</i> a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
334. a coo____te clause	<i>v.</i> to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
335. public fi____ng	<i>n.</i> the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
336. beginning of the ind____al revolution	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or resulting from industry
337. co____e augmented reality	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 329. conserve, 330. retail, 331. environment, 332. semiconductor, 333. stakeholder, 334. coordinate, 335. financing, 336. industrial, 337. combine

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| 338. go to the workplace by cy__e | <i>n.</i> an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 339. r__p crops | <i>v.</i> to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done |
| 340. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 341. fl____sh worldwide | <i>v.</i> to grow or develop vigorously or successfully |
| 342. in a cl____r | <i>n.</i> to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy |
| 343. marketing jug____ut | <i>n.</i> a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution |
| 344. live in mi____y | <i>n.</i> a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune |
| 345. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 346. the first round of the com____on | <i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another |
| 347. l__e prey | <i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something |

ANSWERS: 338. cycle, 339. reap, 340. app, 341. flourish, 342. clutter, 343. juggernaut, 344. misery, 345. app, 346. competition, 347. lure

348. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
349. political bi____ot *n.* a highly important or influential person; someone who is considered to be powerful or successful, especially in a particular field or industry
350. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
351. 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
352. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
353. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
354. 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
355. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 348. sacred, 349. big-shot, 350. revolutionary, 351. vice, 352. threat, 353. industrious, 354. nudge, 355. critic

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| 356. ar____e the meeting | v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something |
| 357. m_r a proper relationship | v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something |
| 358. fo___r a better relationship | v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents |

ANSWERS: 356. arrange, 357. mar, 358. foster

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
2. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
3. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
4. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
5. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
6. I hailed a ____ to take me to the airport.
n. a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
7. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
8. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

ANSWERS: 1. yelled, 2. eradicate, 3. scanned, 4. mentioned, 5. revenue, 6. cab, 7. fortunate, 8. universal

9. The actress shot to _____ in a few years.

n. the status or quality of being famous, especially for being an actor, a singer, etc.

10. Our aircraft is now ready for _____.

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

11. He conducts a _____ workout routine to stay in shape.

adj. characterized by energy or intensity; physically strong and healthy; robust and enthusiastic in action or thought

12. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

13. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

14. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

15. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

16. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

ANSWERS: 9. stardom, 10. takeoff, 11. vigorous, 12. rear, 13. enormous, 14. competition, 15. spouse, 16. blast

17. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
18. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
19. The treasure _____ of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.
- n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
20. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
21. 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
22. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
- v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
23. He accused the tenants of leaving _____ and breaking the security camera.
- n.* to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy
24. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

ANSWERS: 17. exchange, 18. marred, 19. trove, 20. Constant, 21. develop, 22. reaped, 23. clutter, 24. battery

25. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

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

26. The dress was _____ for the formal occasion.

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

27. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

28. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

29. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

30. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

31. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

32. The tech giant has become a _____ in the industry with no sign of slowing down.

n. a large, unstoppable force or machine that crushes everything in its path; a powerful and overwhelming force or institution

ANSWERS: 25. combine, 26. suitable, 27. equity, 28. possibility, 29. Lean, 30. inefficient, 31. Industrial, 32. juggernaut

33. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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

34. He has produced _____ research on the subject.

- adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

35. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

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

36. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

37. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

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

38. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

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

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

40. The room was dimly lit by soft _____.

- n.* light provided by a candle or candles

ANSWERS: 33. germ, 34. groundbreaking, 35. talents, 36. suddenly, 37. fostering, 38. giant, 39. collaboration, 40. candlelight

41. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

42. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

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

43. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

44. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

45. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

46. The company hired consultants of the same ____ to provide advice.

n. a type or kind of person or thing; a sort; a class or category of people or things with particular shared characteristics or qualities

47. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

48. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

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

ANSWERS: 41. chill, 42. smartphones, 43. innovation, 44. competitors, 45. Communal, 46. ilk, 47. economy, 48. creative

49. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

50. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

- adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

51. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

- n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

52. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.

- n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

53. The _____ process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.

- n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

54. 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

55. The dictator was known for his _____ tactics and had no qualms about using violence to maintain power.

- adj.* lacking in pity or compassion; willing to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals, regardless of the consequences for others

ANSWERS: 49. perception, 50. horizontal, 51. pace, 52. misery, 53. adoption, 54. vice, 55. ruthless

56. The mechanic suggested an _____ of the engine to improve performance.
- n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
57. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.
- v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
58. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
59. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
60. The organization held _____ consultations to gather input on the project.
- n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
61. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
62. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 56. overhaul, 57. coordinate, 58. galvanized, 59. government, 60. stakeholder, 61. mass, 62. critics

63. I ____ that you know it.

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

64. She was ____ about her friend's intentions.

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

65. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto ____.

- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

66. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's ____.

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

67. It is ____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

- adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

68. The food chain causes a material ____.

- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

69. The ____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

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

70. The government plans to ____ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

- v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

ANSWERS: 63. bet, 64. uncertain, 65. lens, 66. environment, 67. urgent, 68. cycle, 69. chain, 70. urbanize

71. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

72. That incident led to his _____.

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

73. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

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

74. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

75. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

76. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

77. The _____ ruler of the kingdom held ultimate power over his subjects.

adj. having supreme or ultimate power or authority; complete and total; omnipotent

78. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

79. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 71. ultimate, 72. isolation, 73. prototype, 74. unnecessary, 75. conduct, 76. medal, 77. almighty, 78. consume, 79. striking

80. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.

- v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

81. Her _____ of the material was impressive for someone so young.

- n.* the ability to understand or grasp the meaning of something, especially through knowledge or experience

82. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

83. _____ a number by itself twice.

- v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

84. 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

85. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

- adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

86. She tried to ____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

87. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.

- n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

ANSWERS: 80. conserve, 81. comprehension, 82. tap, 83. Multiply, 84. nudged, 85. revolutionary, 86. defy, 87. headquarters

88. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.

- v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

89. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

90. We had to _____ the fallen tree to cross the river.

- v.* to sit or stand with one leg on either side of something or someone; to adopt a position or attitude that involves a compromise or combination of two or more opposing principles, ideas, or interests

91. _____ 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

92. The _____ on the ground made it slippery and difficult to walk.

- n.* a thin layer of ice that forms on surfaces when the temperature falls below freezing; weather cold enough to cause freezing

93. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.

- v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

94. The company develops and sells _____ memory for use in computers and servers.

- n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices

ANSWERS: 88. disengaged, 89. misunderstand, 90. straddle, 91. Silicon, 92. frost, 93. overtake, 94. semiconductor

95. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
96. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
97. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
98. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
99. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
100. I always use mint-flavored _____ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.
n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
101. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.
adj. happening or occurring later or after something else
102. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
103. The plane pulled onto the _____ and stopped at the gate.
n. a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

ANSWERS: 95. valley, 96. lure, 97. contrary, 98. swelling, 99. mutual, 100. toothpaste, 101. subsequent, 102. collaborate, 103. tarmac

104. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

105. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

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

106. The CEO is considered a _____ in the business world, with a net worth of billions.

- n.* a highly important or influential person; someone who is considered to be powerful or successful, especially in a particular field or industry

107. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

108. 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

109. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

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

110. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.

- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

ANSWERS: 104. inject, 105. commerce, 106. big-shot, 107. economical, 108. launch, 109. invest, 110. biodiversity

111. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

112. The nationwide _____ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

- n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

113. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

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

114. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

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

115. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.

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

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

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

117. The new owners _____ the restaurant to give it a fresh start.

- v.* to give a new name to something; to change the name of something

118. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.

- n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

ANSWERS: 111. nation, 112. blackout, 113. abundance, 114. rolled, 115. representation, 116. economics, 117. renamed, 118. emissions

119. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

- n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

120. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.

- v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

121. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

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

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

123. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.

- v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

124. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

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

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

126. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 119. retail, 120. garner, 121. app's, 122. cast, 123. arrange, 124. stake, 125. sacred, 126. manufactured

127. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

128. Remember to bring your phone _____ with you when you go on vacation.

n. a device used to supply electricity to recharge a battery or power a device

129. She did well on her _____ exam.

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

130. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

131. I decided to ____ for premature retirement.

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

132. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.

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

133. Many people in tropical countries die from _____ every year.

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

134. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

135. There were still _____ pioneers who planned to start their businesses

adj. courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties

ANSWERS: 127. frontier, 128. charger, 129. geography, 130. invention, 131. opt, 132. nuanced, 133. malaria, 134. spiral, 135. intrepid

136. The celebrity _____ the new product on social media.
v. to officially approve, support, or recommend someone or something
137. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
138. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
139. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
140. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.
v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
141. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
142. Let's keep a _____ of the votes to see who won the election.
n. a record or count of a particular thing often used to keep track of scores, votes, or numbers
143. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 136. endorsed, 137. survival, 138. strategy, 139. drone, 140. decentralize, 141. Technological, 142. tally, 143. wisdom

144. The stock market has been in a _____ trend for the past month.

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

145. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

146. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

147. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

148. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

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

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

150. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

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

151. 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

ANSWERS: 144. downward, 145. recognize, 146. recipe, 147. dignity, 148. ecosystem, 149. industrious, 150. conventional, 151. relations

152. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

153. Big techs are now eager to develop _____ computers.

- n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

154. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

- n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

155. The hiker got pricked by a _____ needle while walking.

- n.* a plant that typically grows in dry regions and has spiny leaves, stems, and often vibrant flowers

156. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

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

157. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

158. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.

- n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

159. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

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

ANSWERS: 152. threat, 153. quantum, 154. financing, 155. cactus, 156. Entrepreneurs, 157. generation, 158. verge, 159. compete

160. 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

161. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

162. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

163. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

164. The _____ of buildings in the downtown area makes it difficult to navigate on foot.

n. a mass or cluster of things or people densely packed together; the act or process of collecting or clustering into a mass or group

165. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

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

166. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

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

167. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 160. convinced, 161. trillion, 162. dominates, 163. spur, 164. agglomeration, 165. transportation, 166. lab, 167. poem

168. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

169. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

170. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.

- n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

171. The _____ of the company has left many workers without jobs.

- n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

172. They both _____ for the top spot in the company.

- v.* to compete or contend for something, usually a prize, position, or advantage; to strive for superiority or mastery in one's field or area of expertise

173. 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

174. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.

- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

175. The magician's performance _____ the audience.

- v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

ANSWERS: 168. flourished, 169. innovate, 170. degradation, 171. bankruptcy, 172. vied, 173. process, 174. scarcity, 175. mesmerized

176. Her research team made an important _____.

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

177. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

- n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

178. After years of hard work, he finally _____ his financial stability.

- v.* to get something back or recover something after it has been lost or taken away

179. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

- adj.* having received a high standard of education

ANSWERS: 176. discovery, 177. capita, 178. regained, 179. educated