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Session 1: Word List

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.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

woods

n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

synonym: forest, woodland, timberland

(1) mystery **woods**, (2) deep **woods**

The **woods** behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

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.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym: advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

grandmaster

n. a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity

synonym: champion, expert, master

(1) **grandmaster** level, (2) martial arts **grandmaster**

The chess **grandmaster** easily defeated all of his opponents in the tournament.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

athlete

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

synonym : player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**
His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym : intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt
Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

eventual

adj. expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future

synonym : ultimate, final, last

(1) **eventual** outcome, (2) my **eventual** retirement
The **eventual** winner of the competition was a surprise to many.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind
He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym : block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project
We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review
Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

plateau

n. an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period

of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

synonym : mesa, tableland, plain

(1) **plateau** region, (2) **plateau** in performance

The hikers finally reached the **plateau** after a long climb up the mountain.

comport

v. to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something

synonym : behave, conduct oneself, act

(1) **comport** me with dignity, (2) **comport** with the rules

He needs to **comport** himself professionally during the meeting.

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym : territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

obligatory

adj. required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory

synonym : mandatory, required, compulsory

(1) **obligatory** audit, (2) an **obligatory** subject

Attending the meeting was **obligatory** for all employees.

academy

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

synonym :

school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**
Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

precocious

adj. exhibiting mature qualities or abilities at an unusually early age, especially mental or cognitive abilities; advanced beyond one's age or years in education, experience, or judgment

synonym : advanced, early, premature

(1) **precocious** maturity, (2) **precocious** talent

The **precocious** child was reading at a high school level by the time they were in first grade.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym : nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

hymn

n. a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony

synonym: psalm, song, religious song

(1) a sacred **hymn**, (2) **hymn** tune

The congregation sang the **hymn** during the service.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym: narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

violin

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

synonym: fiddle

(1) **violin** soloist, (2) play the **violin**

The cello is a member of the **violin** family.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

quitter

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

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

halfway.

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.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

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.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**
There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files
He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town
I don't want to **settle** for second best.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options
The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

background

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

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**
The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

admire

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

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

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

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

shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

synonym: avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

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.

prestigious

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

synonym: esteemed, renowned, eminent

(1) **prestigious** award, (2) **prestigious** event

The academy is known for its **prestigious** faculty and rigorous curriculum.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym: blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering
Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

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

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

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym : satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

requirement

n. something that is needed or wanted

synonym : prerequisite, provision, condition

(1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement**

What is the entry **requirement** for this course?

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1

synonym : twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym: govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

digital

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

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym: threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

membership

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

synonym: belonging, enrollment, participation

(1) a **membership** fee, (2) **membership** in a stock exchange

My application for **membership** in the association was accepted.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

proficiency

n. expertise or ability in a particular area or skill; skillfulness or adeptness in performing tasks or duties

synonym: expertise, skill, mastery

(1) **proficiency** level, (2) demonstrate **proficiency**

Her **proficiency** in Spanish allowed her to communicate easily with the locals during her vacation in Mexico.

badge

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

synonym: emblem, insignia

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

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

institute

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

synonym: academy, university, college

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

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

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

scot

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

synonym: tax, charge, toll

(1) pay annual **scot**, (2) traditional **Scot** attire

The **scot-free** suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

rugby

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

(1) **rugby** match, (2) **rugby** team

He was a passionate fan of **rugby** and loved watching matches.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym: set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

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

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

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

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

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

volleyball

n. a game played by two teams of six players, in which a ball is hit back and forth over a raised net to ground the ball on the opposing team's side of the court

synonym: beach ball

(1) **volleyball** coach, (2) beach **volleyball**

We had fun playing **volleyball** on the beach with friends.

badminton

n. a sport played with rackets and a shuttlecock, in which players on either side of a net hit the shuttlecock back and forth over the net, trying to make the other player(s) fail to return the shuttlecock to the opposite side

synonym: shuttlecock, birdie, battledore

(1) play **badminton**, (2) **badminton** racket

We had a fun game of **badminton** in the park on a sunny afternoon.

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym: blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

dabble

v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

synonym: toy with, tinker with, play at

(1) **dabble** in a hobby, (2) **dabble** at French

They often **dabble** in new business ventures but only commit partially.

enthusiast

n. a person having a strong liking for something

synonym: buff, aficionado, devotee

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

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

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

extrapolate

v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now

synonym: deduce, reason, infer

(1) **extrapolate** the results, (2) **extrapolate** animal dose

This predictive model mechanically **extrapolates** past trends into the future.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

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

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

epitome

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

synonym : embodiment, apotheosis

(1) an **epitome** of history, (2) world's **epitome**

He was the **epitome** of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym : thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

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**.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate**

measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

recurring

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

synonym: periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals

A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

spectrum

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

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

wicked

adj. morally bad or evil

synonym : evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin

The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

inaccurate

adj. not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard

synonym : incorrect, erroneous, imprecise

(1) **inaccurate** measurement, (2) **inaccurate** figures

The information in the report was found to be **inaccurate**, so it had to be corrected before it was published.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

adaptable

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

synonym : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights
Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

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**.

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym: chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

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.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other

materials in their office interiors.

conceptual

adj. related to or founded on ideas, principles

synonym: theoretical, abstract, ideational

(1) **conceptual** art, (2) new **conceptual** framework

He has absolutely no **conceptual** comprehension of maths.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

backfire

v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion

synonym: recoil, boomerang, misfire

(1) **backfire** big time, (2) **backfire** spectacularly

The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees **backfired** as it led to a decrease in productivity.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

workforce

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

synonym: labor pool, manpower

(1) skilled **workforce**, (2) the **workforce** is on strike

Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their **workforce** flexible.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk
The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

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.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym: prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

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**.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym: amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

credential

v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

synonym: certify, verify, (noun) certificate

(1) **credential** themselves by showing their registration,

(2) teaching **credential**

To get the job, I need to **credential** my experience and education.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

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

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

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym: useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

double-edged

adj. having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade)

having two cutting edges

synonym: two-sided, ambivalent, ambiguous

(1) a **double-edged** compliment, (2) **double-edged** tool

The **double-edged** sword could be used for both offense and defense.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym: operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**

He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

placebo

n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug

(1) **placebo** therapy, (2) patient in the **placebo** group

A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and **placebo** effects.

sham

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

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

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

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

surgeon

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

synonym: sawbones, doctor

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

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

incision

n. a sharp cut made in something with a sharp tool, especially during a medical procedure

synonym : cut, slit, laceration

(1) **incision** tool, (2) small **incision**

Patients undergoing **incisional** surgery are often put to sleep by anesthesia.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym : crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym : action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

meander

v. to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

synonym : wander, zigzag, twist

(1) **meander** down the river, (2) **meander** aimlessly

We decided to **meander** through the park and enjoy the scenery.

zigzag

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

synonym : bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line
We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy
Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

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.

patent

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

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law
The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
synonym : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**
Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

merge

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

forefront

n. the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause

synonym: vanguard, lead, front line

(1) **forefront** technology, (2) the **forefront** of an air mass
Education is at the **forefront** of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

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

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

tier

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym: level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

maintenance

n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

synonym: care, perpetuation, support

(1) the **maintenance** of the car, (2) **maintenance** work

We have decided to extend our **maintenance** contract until next year.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

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.

calculator

n. a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations

synonym : computer, machine, estimator

(1) **calculator** app, (2) analog **calculator**

I left my alpha **calculator** at home, so I had to borrow one from a classmate to finish my math homework.

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.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

handheld

adj. designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go

synonym : portable, mobile, compact

(1) **handheld** device, (2) **handheld** camera

The technician used a **handheld** tool to fix the machine.

toy *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
synonym: plaything, game, trinket
(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box
He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

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**.

translate *v.* to convert or change words into another language
synonym: convert, transcribe, render
(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement
Translate the text from Italian into English.

magnum *n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber
synonym: large, big, grand
(1) three-inch **magnum**, (2) **magnum** masterpiece
The **magnum** bottle of wine was the perfect size for a small gathering of friends.

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.

saga

n. a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes

synonym : epic, tale, chronicle

(1) fantasy **saga**, (2) historical **saga**

The epic **saga** of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.

durability

n. the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity

synonym : resilience, strength, longevity

(1) **durability** test, (2) improve **durability**

The **durability** of this jacket is impressive, and it has held up for years.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

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.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym : cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

impressive

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

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

expire

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

synonym: run out, terminate, cease

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

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

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

blockbuster

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

synonym: hit, success, smash

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

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

genre

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

synonym: type, category, style

(1) **genre** of music, (2) a literary **genre**

He is known for creating **genre-busting** paintings.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym: encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

counterproductive

adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted

synonym: ineffective, inadequate, inefficient

(1) **counterproductive** approach, (2) highly **counterproductive** to performance

Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely **counterproductive** but common.

circuit

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

synonym: route, course, rotation

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

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

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

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

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

interleave

v. to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents

synonym: interlace, interweave, intersperse

(1) **interleave** pages, (2) **interleave** yarns

To create a sturdy fabric, the weavers must **interleave** the threads.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play

The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

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**.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

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

He was **naturally** gifted.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

eminent

adj. famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position

synonym: outstanding, distinguished, superior

(1) an **eminent** writer, (2) hold **eminent** positions

She was a pre- **eminent** researcher in our lab.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

freeman

n. a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote

synonym: citizen, individual, person

(1) **freeman** rights, (2) **freeman** status

In the colonial period, only **freeman** was allowed to vote.

honor

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

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

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

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

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**.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

granular

adj. consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

synonym : gritty, grainy, sandy

(1) a **granular** medicine, (2) **granular** data

The soil had a **granular** texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

integrate

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

synonym : mix, merge, combine

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

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

short-sighted

adj. lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future

synonym : short-term, myopic, nearsighted

(1) **short-sighted** decision, (2) **short-sighted** politician

His **short-sighted** approach to the situation cost him more in the long run.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ba____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
2. sho_____ted decision *adj.* lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future
3. an ent_____stic response *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
4. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
5. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
6. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
7. h___e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
8. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
9. students at all gr___e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
10. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
11. poet la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

ANSWERS: 1. battery, 2. short-sighted, 3. enthusiast, 4. specific, 5. technological, 6. settle, 7. hire, 8. relation, 9. grade, 10. feat, 11. laureate

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| 12. ina_____te measurement | <i>adj.</i> not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard |
| 13. cr_____ve writing | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something |
| 14. en_____ly satisfied with the meal | <i>adv.</i> completely |
| 15. ad___e kids with attitude | <i>v.</i> to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed |
| 16. pa___t application | <i>n.</i> a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted |
| 17. co_____e augmented reality | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 18. spe_____ar view | <i>adj.</i> striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement |
| 19. cre_____al themselves by showing their registration | <i>v.</i> to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts |
| 20. a s__m battle | <i>n.</i> something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not |
| 21. gr__d bargain | <i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent |

ANSWERS: 12. inaccurate, 13. creative, 14. entirely, 15. admire, 16. patent, 17. combine, 18. spectacular, 19. credential, 20. sham, 21. grand

22. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
23. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
24. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
25. highly cou_____ive to performance *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
26. dou_____ged tool *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
27. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
28. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
29. pro_____cy level *n.* expertise or ability in a particular area or skill; skillfulness or adeptness in performing tasks or duties
30. cardiac su_____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
31. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 22. inevitable, 23. educated, 24. spectacular, 25. counterproductive, 26. double-edged, 27. specialize, 28. admire, 29. proficiency, 30. surgery, 31. logic

32. a weather fo____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
33. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
34. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
35. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
36. vol_____ll coach *n.* a game played by two teams of six players, in which a ball is hit back and forth over a raised net to ground the ball on the opposing team's side of the court
37. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
38. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
39. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
40. play the vi___n *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

ANSWERS: 32. forecast, 33. progression, 34. bang, 35. encourage, 36. volleyball, 37. economical, 38. grand, 39. execute, 40. violin

41. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
42. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
43. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
44. obl_____ry audit *adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
45. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
46. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
47. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
48. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
49. pay annual s__t *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
50. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
51. cal_____or app *n.* a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations
52. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

ANSWERS: 41. philosophy, 42. essentially, 43. prediction, 44. obligatory, 45. normally, 46. spectrum, 47. sew, 48. innovation, 49. scot, 50. industrious, 51. calculator, 52. trade-off

53. da___e at French v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
54. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
55. ex_____e a double play v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
56. eq__p our children with some special skills v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
57. en_____ge antisocial behavior v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
58. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
59. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
60. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
61. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
62. directly int_____ect with those systems v. to connect similar things
63. s_w a button v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 53. dabble, 54. electrical, 55. execute, 56. equip, 57. encourage, 58. strategy, 59. physicist, 60. counterintuitive, 61. athlete, 62. interconnect, 63. sew

64. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
65. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
66. hold em_____t positions *adj.* famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
67. play ba_____on *n.* a sport played with rackets and a shuttlecock, in which players on either side of a net hit the shuttlecock back and forth over the net, trying to make the other player(s) fail to return the shuttlecock to the opposite side
68. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
69. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
70. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
71. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
72. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
73. sk__e park *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

ANSWERS: 64. fin, 65. peer, 66. eminent, 67. badminton, 68. psychology, 69. novel, 70. nation, 71. competitor, 72. strategy, 73. skate

74. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
75. an excellent brain su____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
76. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
77. tr____e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
78. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
79. in____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
80. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
81. re____ng payments *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
82. in____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
83. blo____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
84. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 74. hire, 75. surgeon, 76. modern, 77. triple, 78. ignore, 79. institute, 80. progression, 81. recurring, 82. integrate, 83. blockbuster, 84. economy

85. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
86. int_____ve yarns *v.* to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents
87. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
88. gr_____ar data *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
89. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
90. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
91. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
92. fo_____nt technology *n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
93. technical dr_____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
94. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 85. entirely, 86. interleave, 87. fulfill, 88. granular, 89. elite, 90. geopolitical, 91. replace, 92. forefront, 93. drawing, 94. integrate

95. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
96. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
97. ha_____ld camera *adj.* designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
98. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
99. re_____t the adventure *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
100. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
101. fr_____n rights *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
102. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
103. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
104. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
105. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
106. un_____ie the theory of the big bang *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

ANSWERS: 95. beneficial, 96. creative, 97. handheld, 98. economical, 99. recount, 100. fascinating, 101. freeman, 102. blockbuster, 103. erase, 104. electron, 105. industrious, 106. underlie

107. de____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
108. a sacred h__n *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
109. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
110. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
111. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
112. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
113. environmental tr____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
114. an ep____e of history *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type
115. make dr____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
116. personal na____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
117. an obl____ry subject *adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
118. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
119. dur____ty test *n.* the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity

ANSWERS: 107. decline, 108. hymn, 109. gap, 110. feat, 111. ignore, 112. norm, 113. trade-off, 114. epitome, 115. dramatic, 116. narrative, 117. obligatory, 118. broad, 119. durability

120. ha___ld device *adj.* designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
121. a bi___y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
122. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
123. the dr___l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
124. ina_____te figures *adj.* not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
125. ru___y match *n.* a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
126. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
127. a dou_____ged compliment *adj.* having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges
128. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
129. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
130. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

ANSWERS: 120. handheld, 121. binary, 122. nonetheless, 123. drill, 124. inaccurate, 125. rugby, 126. accumulate, 127. double-edged, 128. fundamental, 129. quitter, 130. drawing

131. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
132. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
133. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
134. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
135. as___n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
136. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
137. fr_____n status *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
138. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
139. pl_____u in performance *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
140. a dependent do___n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

ANSWERS: 131. medicinal, 132. settle, 133. fascinating, 134. forecast, 135. assign, 136. triple, 137. freeman, 138. background, 139. plateau, 140. domain

141. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
142. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
143. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
144. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
145. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
146. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
147. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
148. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
149. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
150. four ba_____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
151. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
152. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
153. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 141. soar, 142. horrible, 143. creditor, 144. typical, 145. accurate, 146. exposed, 147. volunteer, 148. medicinal, 149. electrical, 150. basement, 151. mud, 152. battery, 153. honor

154. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
155. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
156. skilled wo_____ce *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
157. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
158. roller sk__e *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
159. traditional S__t attire *n.* a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant
160. t__r one company *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
161. pre_____us award *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
162. au_____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

ANSWERS: 154. beneficial, 155. delay, 156. workforce, 157. frustrate, 158. skate, 159. scot, 160. tier, 161. prestigious, 162. automated

163. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
164. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
165. three-inch ma____m *n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber
166. a mem_____ip fee *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
167. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
168. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
169. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
170. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
171. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
172. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
173. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
174. pre_____us maturity *adj.* exhibiting mature qualities or abilities at an unusually early age, especially mental or cognitive abilities; advanced beyond one's age or years in education, experience, or judgment

ANSWERS: 163. inevitable, 164. essentially, 165. magnum, 166. membership, 167. realm, 168. geopolitical, 169. comic, 170. impressive, 171. educated, 172. instrument, 173. comic, 174. precocious

175. fantasy s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
176. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
177. ge__e of music *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
178. ba_____re spectacularly *v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
179. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
180. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
181. federal ci_____t courts *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
182. sho_____ted politician *adj.* lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future
183. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
184. wi___d thoughts *adj.* morally bad or evil
185. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

ANSWERS: 175. saga, 176. kit, 177. genre, 178. backfire, 179. spectrum, 180. decline, 181. circuit, 182. short-sighted, 183. flip, 184. wicked, 185. deliberate

186. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
187. ci_____t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
188. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
189. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
190. teaching cre_____al *v.* to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts
191. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
192. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
193. classic car ent_____sts *n.* a person having a strong liking for something
194. co_____t me with dignity *v.* to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something
195. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

ANSWERS: 186. peer, 187. circuit, 188. genius, 189. quitter, 190. credential, 191. frustrate, 192. typical, 193. enthusiast, 194. comport, 195. physicist

196. improve dur_____ty *n.* the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity
197. do___n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
198. re_____t a conversation with him *v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
199. ma___m masterpiece *n.* a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber
200. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
201. Oscar la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
202. me___e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
203. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
204. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 196. durability, 197. domain, 198. recount, 199. magnum, 200. fin, 201. laureate, 202. merge, 203. exposed, 204. advantage

205. the qui_____nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
206. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
207. as____n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
208. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
209. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
210. in a di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
211. the fo_____nt of an air mass *n.* the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause
212. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
213. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
214. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
215. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 205. quintessence, 206. specific, 207. assign, 208. robin, 209. environment, 210. diagram, 211. forefront, 212. realm, 213. counterintuitive, 214. narrative, 215. logic

216. ex___es next month *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
217. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
218. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
219. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
220. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
221. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
222. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
223. a literary ge__e *n.* a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics
224. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 216. expire, 217. mathematics, 218. institute, 219. ecosystem, 220. decide, 221. nation, 222. grade, 223. genre, 224. digital

225. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
226. army su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
227. meet req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
228. ba_____on racket *n.* a sport played with rackets and a shuttlecock, in which players on either side of a net hit the shuttlecock back and forth over the net, trying to make the other player(s) fail to return the shuttlecock to the opposite side
229. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
230. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
231. co_____t with the rules *v.* to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something
232. an ad_____le person *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
233. ru__y team *n.* a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
234. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 225. volunteer, 226. surgeon, 227. requirement, 228. badminton, 229. broad, 230. kit, 231. comport, 232. adaptable, 233. rugby, 234. engineer

235. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
236. an ac_____y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
237. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
238. trading in bi____y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
239. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
240. a zi____g line *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
241. simmering fl___e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
242. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
243. an em_____t writer *adj.* famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
244. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
245. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 235. experiment, 236. academy, 237. random, 238. binary, 239. accumulate, 240. zigzag, 241. flame, 242. impressive, 243. eminent, 244. sham, 245. decide

246. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
247. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
248. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
249. da___e in a hobby *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
250. vi___n soloist *n.* a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings
251. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
252. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
253. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 246. translate, 247. economy, 248. engineer, 249. dabble, 250. violin, 251. accurate, 252. develop, 253. undermine

254. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
255. me_____r down the river *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
256. a two-t__r system *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
257. the wo_____ce is on strike *n.* all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.
258. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
259. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
260. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
261. beach vol_____ll *n.* a game played by two teams of six players, in which a ball is hit back and forth over a raised net to ground the ball on the opposing team's side of the court
262. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
263. ba_____re big time *v.* to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
264. im_____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

ANSWERS: 254. nonetheless, 255. meander, 256. tier, 257. workforce, 258. incentivize, 259. individual, 260. naturally, 261. volleyball, 262. horrible, 263. backfire, 264. imitate

265. int_____ve pages *v.* to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents
266. ext_____te the results *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
267. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
268. the mai_____ce of the car *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
269. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
270. s__n office politics *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
271. patient in the pl_____o group *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
272. it will ex___e *v.* to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
273. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 265. interleave, 266. extrapolate, 267. drill, 268. maintenance, 269. combine, 270. shun, 271. placebo, 272. expire, 273. brain

274. au_____ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
275. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
276. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
277. basic br___n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
278. re_____ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
279. un_____ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
280. f___p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
281. wi___d grin *adj.* morally bad or evil
282. fl___e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
283. ev_____al outcome *adj.* expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future
284. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 274. automated, 275. random, 276. specialize, 277. brain, 278. recurring, 279. underlie, 280. flip, 281. wicked, 282. flame, 283. eventual, 284. illustrate

285. fu____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
286. school req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
287. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
288. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
289. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
290. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
291. a prize me__l *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
292. small in_____on *n.* a sharp cut made in something with a sharp tool, especially during a medical procedure
293. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
294. mai_____ce work *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
295. church ba_____nt *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
296. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 285. fulfill, 286. requirement, 287. deem, 288. largely, 289. merge, 290. norm, 291. medal, 292. incision, 293. normally, 294. maintenance, 295. basement, 296. translate

297. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
298. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
299. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
300. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
301. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
302. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
303. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
304. 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
305. zi__g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
306. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 297. erase, 298. mud, 299. undermine, 300. elite, 301. wrestling, 302. procedure, 303. incentivize, 304. lens, 305. zigzag, 306. mathematics

307. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
308. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
309. new con_____al framework *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
310. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
311. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
312. pl_____u region *n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress
313. pa___t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
314. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
315. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

ANSWERS: 307. explore, 308. toy, 309. conceptual, 310. experiment, 311. illustrate, 312. plateau, 313. patent, 314. diagram, 315. instrument

316. gold me__l *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
317. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
318. high school at____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
319. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
320. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
321. take ad____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
322. martial arts gra____er *n.* a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
323. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
324. mystery wo__s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

ANSWERS: 316. medal, 317. bang, 318. athlete, 319. equip, 320. deem, 321. advantage, 322. grandmaster, 323. develop, 324. woods

325. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
326. pre____us talent *adj.* exhibiting mature qualities or abilities at an unusually early age, especially mental or cognitive abilities; advanced beyond one's age or years in education, experience, or judgment
327. gra____er level *n.* a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity
328. a dr____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
329. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
330. a member of the Ac____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
331. phi____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
332. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 325. digital, 326. precocious, 327. grandmaster, 328. dramatic, 329. delay, 330. academy, 331. philosophy, 332. honor

333. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
334. historical s__a *n.* a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes
335. fas_____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
336. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
337. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
338. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
339. ext_____te animal dose *v.* to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
340. ba__e holder *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
341. world's ep_____e *n.* a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

ANSWERS: 333. modern, 334. saga, 335. fast-forward, 336. robin, 337. technological, 338. toy, 339. extrapolate, 340. badge, 341. epitome

342. my ev_____al retirement *adj.* expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future
343. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
344. keen per_____on *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
345. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
346. in_____on tool *n.* a sharp cut made in something with a sharp tool, especially during a medical procedure
347. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
348. s__n a person *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
349. mem_____ip in a stock exchange *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
350. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
351. 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

ANSWERS: 342. eventual, 343. fundamental, 344. perception, 345. increasingly, 346. incision, 347. associate, 348. shun, 349. membership, 350. electron, 351. lens

352. the professor of su____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
353. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
354. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
355. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
356. security ba__e *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
357. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
358. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
359. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
360. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

ANSWERS: 352. surgery, 353. environment, 354. deliberate, 355. adaptable, 356. badge, 357. gap, 358. replace, 359. increasingly, 360. fast-forward

361. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
362. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
363. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
364. demonstrate pro_____cy *n.* expertise or ability in a particular area or skill; skillfulness or adeptness in performing tasks or duties
365. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
366. me_____r aimlessly *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
367. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
368. per_____on of a stimulus *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
369. analog cal_____or *n.* a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations
370. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

ANSWERS: 361. prediction, 362. background, 363. afford, 364. proficiency, 365. individual, 366. meander, 367. associate, 368. perception, 369. calculator, 370. wrestling

371. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
372. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
373. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
374. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
375. con_____al art *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
376. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
377. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
378. pl_____o therapy *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
379. h__n tune *n.* a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
380. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
381. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 371. procedure, 372. innovation, 373. interconnect, 374. relation, 375. conceptual, 376. competitor, 377. largely, 378. placebo, 379. hymn, 380. novel, 381. explore

382. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
383. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
384. pre_____us event *adj.* having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance
385. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
386. cou_____ive approach *adj.* having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
387. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
388. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
389. im_____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
390. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
391. a gr_____ar medicine *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
392. deep wo__s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

ANSWERS: 382. naturally, 383. quintessence, 384. prestigious, 385. ecosystem, 386. counterproductive, 387. afford, 388. soar, 389. imitate, 390. psychology, 391. granular, 392. woods

393. a ge___s for music

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

394. the cr____or's claims

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 393. genius, 394. creditor

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
2. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
3. The information in the report was found to be _____ so it had to be corrected before it was published.
adj. not completely correct or exact; not conforming to the truth or a standard
4. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
5. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
6. 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
7. The _____ bottle of wine was the perfect size for a small gathering of friends.
n. a large wine bottle, typically holding 1.5 liters of wine, equivalent to two standard bottles; a type of cartridge that is more powerful than standard cartridges of the same caliber

ANSWERS: 1. institutes, 2. procedure, 3. inaccurate, 4. deemed, 5. ignored, 6. nation, 7. magnum

8. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
9. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest
10. She was a pre-_____ researcher in our lab.
adj. famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
11. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
12. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
13. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
14. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months
n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
15. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 8. delayed, 9. counterintuitive, 10. eminent, 11. interconnect, 12. drawing, 13. grade, 14. skate, 15. largely

16. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
17. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.
n. the perfect example of a quality or class
18. The _____ child was reading at a high school level by the time they were in first grade.
adj. exhibiting mature qualities or abilities at an unusually early age, especially mental or cognitive abilities; advanced beyond one's age or years in education, experience, or judgment
19. The soil had a _____ texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.
adj. consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
20. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
21. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
22. This predictive model mechanically _____ past trends into the future.
v. to guess or think about what might happen or estimate something using the facts that you have now
23. I left my alpha _____ at home, so I had to borrow one from a classmate to finish my math homework.
n. a small electronic device for making arithmetic calculations

ANSWERS: 16. associate, 17. quintessence, 18. precocious, 19. granular, 20. settle, 21. background, 22. extrapolates, 23. calculator

24. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.
n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
25. The company's decision to lay off a large number of employees _____ as it led to a decrease in productivity.
v. to have an opposite and undesirable effect to what was intended; to make a sudden noise like an explosion
26. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
27. The _____ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.
adj. morally bad or evil
28. A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and _____ effects.
n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
29. I forgot to renew my driver's license, and it _____.
v. to come to the end of the period of validity of a document, authorization, agreement, etc.
30. He had undergone heart _____ years before.
n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
31. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 24. basement, 25. backfired, 26. Essentially, 27. wicked, 28. placebo, 29. expired, 30. surgery, 31. typical

32. He _____ going to the party and decided to stay home instead.
v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
33. His _____ approach to the situation cost him more in the long run.
adj. lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future
34. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
35. The congregation sang the _____ during the service.
n. a song of praise or worship, especially one in a religious service or ceremony
36. Her _____ in Spanish allowed her to communicate easily with the locals during her vacation in Mexico.
n. expertise or ability in a particular area or skill; skillfulness or adeptness in performing tasks or duties
37. 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
38. 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
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. shunned, 33. short-sighted, 34. norms, 35. hymn, 36. proficiency, 37. battery, 38. innovation, 39. develop

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

41. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

42. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

43. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

44. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

45. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

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

46. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

47. We had fun playing _____ on the beach with friends.

n. a game played by two teams of six players, in which a ball is hit back and forth over a raised net to ground the ball on the opposing team's side of the court

ANSWERS: 40. industrious, 41. laureate, 42. frustrate, 43. medicinal, 44. strategy, 45. spectrum, 46. drill, 47. volleyball

48. The _____ winner of the competition was a surprise to many.

adj. expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future

49. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

50. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

51. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

52. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

53. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

54. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.

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

55. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

56. To create a sturdy fabric, the weavers must _____ the threads.

v. to insert or alternate layers of one thing between two or more layers of another thing, particularly in a patterned or systematic way, such as in computer memory or documents

ANSWERS: 48. eventual, 49. flipped, 50. grand, 51. individual, 52. executed, 53. automated, 54. Academy, 55. modern, 56. interleave

57. They _____ events that have already occurred.

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

58. The _____ sword could be used for both offense and defense.

adj. having two sharp edges or sides, especially one that can harm or benefit in equal measure; (of sword or blade) having two cutting edges

59. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

60. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

61. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.

v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

62. 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

63. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

64. My application for _____ in the association was accepted.

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

65. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 57. recount, 58. double-edged, 59. genius, 60. broad, 61. merge, 62. environment, 63. fulfilled, 64. membership, 65. specific

66. There's no _____ in his description.

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

67. The technician used a _____ tool to fix the machine.

adj. designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go

68. Patients undergoing _____ surgery are often put to sleep by anesthesia.

n. a sharp cut made in something with a sharp tool, especially during a medical procedure

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

adv. usually; under normal conditions

70. 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

71. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

72. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

73. I bought a new tool ____ for my home repair projects.

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 66. logic, 67. handheld, 68. incisional, 69. normally, 70. economical, 71. geopolitical, 72. gap, 73. kit

74. What is the entry _____ for this course?

n. something that is needed or wanted

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

v. to give somebody a job

76. The data he prepared was completely _____.

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

77. The _____ of this jacket is impressive, and it has held up for years.

n. the ability to withstand wear, pressure, or damage over a while; longevity

78. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

79. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

80. He has absolutely no _____ comprehension of maths.

adj. related to or founded on ideas, principles

81. 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

ANSWERS: 74. requirement, 75. hire, 76. sham, 77. durability, 78. feat, 79. decide, 80. conceptual, 81. competitors

82. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
83. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
84. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
85. Territorial disputes between different countries are entirely _____ but common.
adj. having the opposite effect to the one intended or wanted
86. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.
n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
87. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
88. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.
adj. relating to electricity
89. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.
n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
90. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.
n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

ANSWERS: 82. spectacular, 83. replace, 84. mud, 85. counterproductive, 86. surgeon, 87. incentivize, 88. electrical, 89. diagram, 90. toy

91. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

92. A _____ back pain interfered with his concentration.

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

93. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

94. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

95. He was a passionate fan of _____ and loved watching matches.

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

96. My mother taught me how to _____.

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

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

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

98. The chess _____ easily defeated all of his opponents in the tournament.

n. a title given to a chess player who has achieved the highest level of skill and proficiency in the game; a person who is an expert or master in a particular field or activity

99. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

ANSWERS: 91. erase, 92. recurring, 93. electron, 94. adaptable, 95. rugby, 96. sew, 97. horrible, 98. grandmaster, 99. flame

100. The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform _____.

n. a person having a strong liking for something

101. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

102. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

103. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

104. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

105. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

106. He _____ the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

107. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

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

ANSWERS: 100. enthusiasts, 101. entirely, 102. encouraged, 103. instrument, 104. Technological, 105. fins, 106. imitated, 107. declines

108. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

109. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

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

110. We had a fun game of _____ in the park on a sunny afternoon.

- n.* a sport played with rackets and a shuttlecock, in which players on either side of a net hit the shuttlecock back and forth over the net, trying to make the other player(s) fail to return the shuttlecock to the opposite side

111. The company operates on a three-_____ pricing structure.

- n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

112. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.

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

113. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

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

114. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

- adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

115. They often _____ in new business ventures but only commit partially.

- v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

ANSWERS: 108. illustrate, 109. combine, 110. badminton, 111. tier, 112. athlete, 113. honor, 114. elites, 115. dabble

116. 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

117. Many companies outsource and hire consultants to keep their _____ flexible.

n. all the people who work in a company, industry, country, etc.

118. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

119. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

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

120. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

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

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

122. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

123. We have decided to extend our _____ contract until next year.

n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

ANSWERS: 116. relations, 117. workforce, 118. philosophy, 119. impressive, 120. accurate, 121. integrate, 122. exposed, 123. maintenance

124. These results muddied the _____.

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

125. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

126. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

127. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

128. He has a flair for _____.

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

129. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

130. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

131. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 124. prediction, 125. physicist, 126. forecasts, 127. deliberate, 128. mathematics, 129. wrestling, 130. fundamental, 131. realm

132. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

133. The academy is known for its _____ faculty and rigorous curriculum.

adj. having a high reputation or status; respected or honored; widely recognized as being of high quality or importance

134. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

135. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

136. I love listening to the cheerful song of the _____ in my garden.

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

137. The cello is a member of the _____ family.

n. a four-stringed wooden musical instrument held against the neck and played by passing a bow across the strings

138. His _____ showed highly positive results.

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

139. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

140. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 132. soared, 133. prestigious, 134. fascinating, 135. creditor, 136. robin, 137. violin, 138. experiments, 139. random, 140. Translate

141. Laughing is _____ to our health.

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

142. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

143. 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

144. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

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

adj. having received a high standard of education

146. He is known for creating _____ paintings.

n. a particular type or style of literature, art, music, or film that involves a particular set of characteristics

147. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

148. The epic _____ of the family's journey through time captivated readers worldwide.

n. a long, detailed story or account of heroic deeds, family history, or notable events, often consisting of a series of connected episodes

ANSWERS: 141. beneficial, 142. triple, 143. creative, 144. narrative, 145. educated, 146. genre-busting, 147. domain, 148. saga

149. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.

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

150. The hikers finally reached the _____ after a long climb up the mountain.

- n.* an elevated, relatively level expanse of land, typically vast and extending over a large area; a state or period of little or no change following a period of growth, development, or progress

151. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

152. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

- v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

153. In the colonial period, only _____ was allowed to vote.

- n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote

154. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

155. His bitter experiences _____ his moral principles.

- v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

156. 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

ANSWERS: 149. circuit, 150. plateau, 151. progression, 152. undermine, 153. freeman, 154. advantages, 155. underlie, 156. perception

157. Attending the meeting was _____ for all employees.

adj. required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory

158. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

159. 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

160. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

161. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

162. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

163. We had to go through a _____ course.

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

164. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

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

ANSWERS: 157. obligatory, 158. specialize, 159. economy, 160. explore, 161. naturally, 162. fast-forward, 163. zigzag, 164. badge

165. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
166. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.
adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
167. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.
n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
168. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
169. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
170. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.
n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
171. They each choose _____ to battle.
adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
172. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 165. bang, 166. dramatic, 167. binary, 168. novel, 169. inevitable, 170. patent, 171. nonetheless, 172. digital

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

174. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

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

175. He was the _____ of courage, always standing up for his beliefs.

n. a person or thing that is a typical or perfect example of a particular quality or type

176. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

177. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

178. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

179. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

180. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 173. psychology, 174. quitter, 175. epitome, 176. increasingly, 177. peer, 178. engineer, 179. equipped, 180. volunteer

181. The novel is _____ and tragic.

adj. funny and making you laugh

182. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

183. 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

184. Education is at the _____ of our society's priorities for ensuring a better future.

n. the leading or most important position or place; the forefront of a movement or cause

185. The _____ suspect was later apprehended for a different crime.

n. a tax or payment, particularly a share or portion of something; a person from Scotland or a Scottish immigrant

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

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

187. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

188. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

ANSWERS: 181. comic, 182. trade-off, 183. ecosystem, 184. forefront, 185. scot-free, 186. blockbuster, 187. brain, 188. afford

189. We decided to _____ through the park and enjoy the scenery.

- v. to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

190. To get the job, I need to _____ my experience and education.

- v. to provide someone with certification or verification of their qualifications, usually in a particular field or profession; (noun) a document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts

191. 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

192. The _____ behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.

- n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

193. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

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

194. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.

- v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

195. 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

ANSWERS: 189. meander, 190. credential, 191. lens, 192. woods, 193. admire, 194. accumulated, 195. medal

196. He needs to _____ himself professionally during the meeting.

- v. to behave or conduct oneself in a particular manner; to be consistent or in harmony with something

197. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

- v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 196. comport, 197. assign