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Session 1: Word List

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

drone

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

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

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

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

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

judge

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

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym: knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

neon

n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it

synonym: fluorescent, glowing, illuminated

(1) luminous **neon** tube, (2) **neon** lights

The nightlife district was lit up with colorful **neon** signs and bright lights.

megacity

n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

(1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project

The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

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

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

apparition

n. the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone

synonym: ghost, phantom, specter

(1) **apparition** ghost, (2) mysterious **apparition**

Walking through the graveyard at night, I saw an eerie **apparition** of a ghostly figure.

lurk

v. to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal

synonym: hide, creep, stalk

(1) **lurked** behind the words, (2) **lurk** in the darkness

In the city, the risk of traffic accidents **lurks** at every corner.

horizon

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

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

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

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

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym: disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

obsess

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

synonym: torment, beset, engross

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

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

apocalyptic

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

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

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

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

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items

without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

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

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

mixture

n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

synonym : blend, amalgam, concoction

(1) **mixture** of emotions, (2) perfect **mixture**

The paint was a **mixture** of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

cutting-edge

adj. being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity

synonym: state-of-the-art, innovative, advanced

(1) **cutting-edge** molecular biology, (2) **cutting-edge** design

The **cutting-edge** technology was revolutionary in its field.

trend

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

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

upheaval

n. great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation

synonym: disturbance, turmoil, upheaval

(1) **upheaval** of society, (2) the big **upheaval** of my life

The recent political **upheaval** has left the country in a state of chaos.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

chronology

n. the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

synonym: history, timeline, order

(1) astronomical **chronology**, (2) **chronology** order

The **chronology** of events was important for understanding history.

cycle

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

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

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

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

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

upcoming

adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

synonym: forthcoming, approaching, imminent

(1) **upcoming** events, (2) **upcoming** election

I'm excited about the **upcoming** concert with my favorite band.

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.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

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

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym : comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

automobile

n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

synonym: car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance

The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

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

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

plausible

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

synonym: probable, conceivable, credible

(1) **plausible** explanation, (2) a **plausible** liar

She could find no **plausible** explanation for its failure.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**
The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

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

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

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym: leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

software

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

synonym: program, system, operating system

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

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

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

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

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

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

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

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

homeless

adj. without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

synonym: destitute, displaced, transient

(1) **homeless** shelter, (2) a **homeless** cat

He became **homeless** after losing his job.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

handy

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

synonym: clever, accessible, available

(1) a **handy-sized** bag, (2) **handy** tool

They found a **handy** place to play catch.

overnight

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

synonym: all-night, sudden, immediate

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

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

weed

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

synonym: plant, grass, shrub

(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management

The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

ornament

n. a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry

synonym: decoration, embellishment, adornment

(1) Christmas **ornament**, (2) glass **ornament**

The **ornament** on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym: exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

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.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and

prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

fungus

- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

regrow

- v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

synonym: regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

damage

- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

sewer

- n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

synonym: drain, pipeline, conduit

(1) **sewer** device, (2) **sewer** system

The city is upgrading its **sewer** system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

insecure

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

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

statistics

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

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

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

flush

v. to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow

synonym: redden, burn, suffuse

(1) the blood **flush** into my face, (2) **flush** the toilet

The girl **flushed** when a young man whistled as she walked by.

tunnel

n. an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

synonym: passageway, underground passage

(1) **tunnel** construction work, (2) **tunnel** disease

The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular **tunnel** allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym: bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

bunch

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

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

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.

wand

n. a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

synonym: rod, stick, staff

(1) magic **wand**, (2) security **wand**

The magician waved his **wand**, and a rabbit appeared from the hat.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym: alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

sanitize

v. to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive

information from a document or communication

synonym: clean, disinfect, sterilize

(1) **sanitize** surfaces, (2) **sanitize** the kitchen

I always **sanitize** my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.

spray

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

synonym: mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

microbiome

n. the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body

synonym: flora

(1) skin **microbiome**, (2) have a diverse **microbiome**

The gut **microbiome** is a major producer of serotonin, which is necessary for human mental stability.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

- fuel**
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
synonym: energy, power, gas
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- 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.
- geography**
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
synonym: landscape, terrain, topography
(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**
She did well on her **geography** exam.
- virtual**
- adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
synonym: practical
(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies
She is the **virtual** president of the company.
- hardware**
- n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
synonym: gear, apparatus, gadget
(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**
The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.
- discovery**
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

cloudscape

n. the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky

synonym : skyline, horizon, skyscape

(1) ever-changing **cloudscape**, (2) **cloudscape** photography

The sunset created a beautiful **cloudscape** over the ocean.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**
Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

chrome

n. a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google

synonym : metal, alloy, steel

(1) **chrome** iron ore, (2) steel with **chrome** accents

The shiny **chrome** finish on the car caught the sunlight and sparkled.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

temporal

adj. of or relating to time as opposed to eternity

synonym : transient, fleeting, temporary

(1) a **temporal** restriction, (2) **temporal** history

The **temporal** nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym : respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym : boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym : loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

highbrow

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

synonym: intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

salon

n. a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon

synonym: gathering place, meeting place, social venue

(1) beauty **salon**, (2) cultural **salon**

She frequented the **salon** for intellectual discussions and to keep up with the latest cultural trends.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym: line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

quartet

n. a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group

synonym: ensemble, group, four

(1) string **quartet**, (2) jazz **quartet**

The **quartet** played a beautiful piece of music together.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

app

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

synonym : application, software

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

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

horoscope

n. a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

synonym : astrological chart, celestial map

(1) cast a **horoscope**, (2) believe in **horoscope**

She read her **horoscope** every morning to see what the day had in store for her.

bot

n. a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

synonym : robot, droid, android

(1) spam **bot**, (2) **bot** detection

The translation **bot** helped me translate a website from another country.

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.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

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.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym: destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

serendipity

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

synonym: luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

housewife

n. a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties

synonym: homemaker, stay-at-home mom

(1) **housewife** duties, (2) prudent **housewife**

She is a full-time **housewife** who cares for her children and runs the household.

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.

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.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

outcome

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

synonym: result, consequence, effect

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

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

cancer

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

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

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

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

dementia

n. a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury

synonym: cognitive decline, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease

(1) **dementia** patients, (2) probably have **dementia**

The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of **dementia** in older age.

milestone

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

synonym: landmark, turning point, touchstone

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

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

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym: non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

advance

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

synonym: progress, boost, come along

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

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

endocrine

adj. relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes

synonym: hormonal, glandular, secretory

(1) **endocrine** disorders, (2) **endocrine** cell

The **endocrine** system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**

The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

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.

expand

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

synonym: extend, grow, boost

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

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

wonderland

n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

synonym: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who

attended.

fallacy

n. a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief

synonym: falsity, misconception, delusion

(1) **fallacy** of logic, (2) belief in a **fallacy**

Many people cling to the **fallacy** that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

grace

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

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. aut_____le insurance | <i>n.</i> a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods |
| 2. effects of cl_____e change | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 3. co_____e chemically with another substance | <i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group |
| 4. tec_____cal policy | <i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress |
| 5. me_____ty project | <i>n.</i> a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people |
| 6. a bl__e of grass | <i>n.</i> the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting |
| 7. aw_____ss of my ignorance | <i>n.</i> the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important |
| 8. ec_____y class | <i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel |
| 9. a jar of j_m | <i>n.</i> a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit |

ANSWERS: 1. automobile, 2. climate, 3. combine, 4. technological, 5. megacity, 6. blade, 7. awareness, 8. economy, 9. jam

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| 10. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 11. pl____t like the Earth | <i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star |
| 12. pr_____t when she will arrive | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 13. ve_____al takeoff | <i>adj.</i> upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line |
| 14. have a diverse mic_____me | <i>n.</i> the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body |
| 15. n__n lights | <i>n.</i> a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it |
| 16. se__r system | <i>n.</i> an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater |
| 17. aut_____ian government | <i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights |
| 18. no__y party | <i>adj.</i> making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound |

ANSWERS: 10. medicinal, 11. planet, 12. predict, 13. vertical, 14. microbiome, 15. neon, 16. sewer, 17. authoritarian, 18. noisy

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| 19. ca___r diagnosis | <i>n.</i> abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells |
| 20. b__m in sales | <i>n.</i> a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound |
| 21. ho_____e secretion | <i>n.</i> a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood |
| 22. na_____te the Pacific | <i>v.</i> to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map |
| 23. positive feedback l__p | <i>n.</i> a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself |
| 24. bank and credit un__ns | <i>n.</i> a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together |
| 25. por_____hy addiction | <i>n.</i> materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing |

ANSWERS: 19. cancer, 20. boom, 21. hormone, 22. navigate, 23. loop, 24. union, 25. pornography

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| 26. tec_____cal advancement | <i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress |
| 27. fu_____st architecture | <i>n.</i> a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold |
| 28. electronic de____e | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |
| 29. l__k in the darkness | <i>v.</i> to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal |
| 30. courtroom sto_____ing | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 31. a prodigious vi____n | <i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see |
| 32. perfect mi_____e | <i>n.</i> a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties |
| 33. ra_____er drainage | <i>n.</i> water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected |
| 34. the con_____ce of an argument | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
| 35. raise public aw_____ss | <i>n.</i> the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important |

ANSWERS: 26. technological, 27. futurist, 28. device, 29. lurk, 30. storytelling, 31. vision, 32. mixture, 33. rainwater, 34. consequence, 35. awareness

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| 36. trading of vi____l currencies | <i>adj.</i> being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact |
| 37. in_____ce between gas and liquid | <i>n.</i> (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things |
| 38. tracking de___e | <i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic |
| 39. va_____te every year | <i>v.</i> to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease |
| 40. retie the st___g and make it strong | <i>n.</i> long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads |
| 41. a sp__y of mist | <i>n.</i> a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage |
| 42. upcoming crime dr__a | <i>n.</i> a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage |
| 43. historical co_____t | <i>n.</i> the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning |
| 44. ba_____ue grill | <i>n.</i> a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food |

ANSWERS: 36. virtual, 37. interface, 38. device, 39. vaccinate, 40. string, 41. spray, 42. drama, 43. context, 44. barbecue

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| 45. prudent ho_____fe | <i>n.</i> a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties |
| 46. tr_____rm heat into power | <i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks; |
| 47. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 48. a ge_____c disorder | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes |
| 49. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 50. de_____p a skill | <i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |
| 51. heavy tr_____c | <i>n.</i> the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time |
| 52. re____w hair | <i>v.</i> to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation |
| 53. burn s____r | <i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed |

ANSWERS: 45. housewife, 46. transform, 47. app, 48. genetic, 49. experiment, 50. develop, 51. traffic, 52. regrow, 53. scar

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| 54. at_____te directly to sales | <i>v.</i> to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses; |
| 55. secular dr__a | <i>n.</i> a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage |
| 56. ve_____al axis | <i>adj.</i> upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line |
| 57. a ho_____ss cat | <i>adj.</i> without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets |
| 58. fl__h the toilet | <i>v.</i> to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow |
| 59. aw____n a child | <i>v.</i> to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping |
| 60. fu____s infection | <i>n.</i> a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive |
| 61. im_____ry pregnancy | <i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind |
| 62. a statistical ch__t | <i>n.</i> a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea |
| 63. cr__k an eggshell | <i>v.</i> to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking |

ANSWERS: 54. attribute, 55. drama, 56. vertical, 57. homeless, 58. flush, 59. awaken, 60. fungus, 61. imaginary, 62. chart, 63. crack

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| 64. ju__e a competition | <i>n.</i> a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something |
| 65. have ge____c testing | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes |
| 66. magic w__d | <i>n.</i> a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority |
| 67. ca___r research | <i>n.</i> abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells |
| 68. cut_____dge molecular biology | <i>adj.</i> being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity |
| 69. a dry ba____y | <i>n.</i> a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them |
| 70. an international tr__d | <i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing |
| 71. mi_____ne event | <i>n.</i> an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances |
| 72. ho_____fe duties | <i>n.</i> a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties |

ANSWERS: 64. judge, 65. genetic, 66. wand, 67. cancer, 68. cutting-edge, 69. battery, 70. trend, 71. milestone, 72. housewife

73. astronomical chr_____gy	<i>n.</i> the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
74. security w__d	<i>n.</i> a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority
75. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
76. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
77. cultural sa__n	<i>n.</i> a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon
78. inc_____ly cheerful character	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
79. the ha_____re department	<i>n.</i> durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
80. fu_____st ideas	<i>n.</i> a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
81. ever-changing clo_____pe	<i>n.</i> the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky

ANSWERS: 73. chronology, 74. wand, 75. conversation, 76. communal, 77. salon, 78. incredibly, 79. hardware, 80. futurist, 81. cloudscape

82. up____ng events	<i>adj.</i> approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
83. sub_____te coffee	<i>n.</i> a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
84. ba_____y charging	<i>n.</i> a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
85. chr_____gy order	<i>n.</i> the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
86. sc__y dream	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
87. tense piano st____gs	<i>n.</i> long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
88. a vi_____l image	<i>adj.</i> being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
89. re_____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
90. cast a tra_____ion spell	<i>n.</i> a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
91. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
92. field of vi____l arts	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
93. hi_____ow conversation	<i>adj.</i> relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

ANSWERS: 82. upcoming, 83. substitute, 84. battery, 85. chronology, 86. scary, 87. string, 88. virtual, 89. relation, 90. transformation, 91. government, 92. visual, 93. highbrow

94. re_____se a used car	<i>v.</i> to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
95. a profound in_____t	<i>n.</i> the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
96. the big up_____al of my life	<i>n.</i> great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
97. se__r device	<i>n.</i> an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
98. share my in_____ts	<i>n.</i> the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
99. in_____ct directly with customers	<i>v.</i> to communicate or react with somebody
100. gain ed_____al help	<i>adj.</i> relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
101. ob____s over her weight	<i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
102. sa_____ze the kitchen	<i>v.</i> to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
103. the in_____on of new techniques	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
104. n_d at each other	<i>v.</i> to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 94. repurpose, 95. insight, 96. upheaval, 97. sewer, 98. insight, 99. interact, 100. editorial, 101. obsess, 102. sanitize, 103. invention, 104. nod

105. hi____ow music *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
106. co____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
107. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
108. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
109. re____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
110. mo____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
111. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
112. ra____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
113. symbiotic fu___s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
114. dr___e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 105. highbrow, 106. compress, 107. improve, 108. medicinal, 109. repurpose, 110. monument, 111. damage, 112. rainwater, 113. fungus, 114. drone

115. belief in a fa____y	<i>n.</i> a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
116. im____e the test score	<i>v.</i> to make or become better
117. re____w vegetation	<i>v.</i> to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
118. a com____ed process	<i>adj.</i> involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
119. a sonic b__m	<i>n.</i> a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
120. co____ss the chest	<i>v.</i> to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
121. the m__d in a room	<i>n.</i> the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
122. em____r the secretary to do the same	<i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something
123. at____te the change to their marriage	<i>v.</i> to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
124. im____ry number	<i>adj.</i> existing only in someone's mind
125. the event ho____n of a black hole	<i>n.</i> the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 115. fallacy, 116. improve, 117. regrow, 118. complicated, 119. boom, 120. compress, 121. mood, 122. empower, 123. attribute, 124. imaginary, 125. horizon

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| 126. go to the workplace by cy__e | <i>n.</i> an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle |
| 127. in____e heat | <i>adj.</i> (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe |
| 128. a ha__y-sized bag | <i>adj.</i> valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use |
| 129. believe in ho_____pe | <i>n.</i> a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc |
| 130. the escape from dy_____ia | <i>n.</i> an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place |
| 131. pl_____le explanation | <i>adj.</i> seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing |
| 132. ov_____ht success | <i>adj.</i> lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time |
| 133. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 134. probably have de_____ia | <i>n.</i> a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury |
| 135. sub_____te teacher | <i>n.</i> a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one |

ANSWERS: 126. cycle, 127. intense, 128. handy, 129. horoscope, 130. dystopia, 131. plausible, 132. overnight, 133. discovery, 134. dementia, 135. substitute

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| 136. aw___n at daybreak | <i>v.</i> to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping |
| 137. va_____te against scarlet fever | <i>v.</i> to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease |
| 138. mi_____e of emotions | <i>n.</i> a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties |
| 139. tra_____er rights | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth |
| 140. ur__n property owners | <i>adj.</i> relating to or located in a town or city |
| 141. ba_____ue sauce | <i>n.</i> a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food |
| 142. wa_____y bridge | <i>n.</i> a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden |
| 143. cut_____dge design | <i>adj.</i> being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity |
| 144. up_____al of society | <i>n.</i> great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation |

ANSWERS: 136. awaken, 137. vaccinate, 138. mixture, 139. transgender, 140. urban, 141. barbecue, 142. walkway, 143. cutting-edge, 144. upheaval

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| 145. de____p a strategy | <i>v.</i> to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created |
| 146. ha__y tool | <i>adj.</i> valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use |
| 147. Christmas or____nt | <i>n.</i> a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry |
| 148. lead to des____ve behavior | <i>adj.</i> causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage |
| 149. in an ugly m__d | <i>n.</i> the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind |
| 150. re____on between cause and effect | <i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another |
| 151. co____al swimming pool | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 152. de____ia patients | <i>n.</i> a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury |
| 153. unintended con____ces | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual |
| 154. aspiring te____es | <i>n.</i> a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices |

ANSWERS: 145. develop, 146. handy, 147. ornament, 148. destructive, 149. mood, 150. relation, 151. communal, 152. dementia, 153. consequence, 154. techie

155. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
156. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
157. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
158. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
159. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
160. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
161. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

ANSWERS: 155. process, 156. climate, 157. damage, 158. loop, 159. statistics, 160. fiction, 161. tune

162. female ho____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
163. cast a ho_____pe *n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc
164. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
165. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
166. a pl_____le liar *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
167. 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
168. sa_____ze surfaces *v.* to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
169. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
170. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

ANSWERS: 162. hormone, 163. horoscope, 164. cycle, 165. drag, 166. plausible, 167. surgery, 168. sanitize, 169. interact, 170. monument

171. vi___l navigation	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
172. I___ked behind the words	<i>v.</i> to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
173. no___y neighbor	<i>adj.</i> making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
174. the speaker's dr___e	<i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
175. li_____te people from oppression	<i>v.</i> to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
176. magical won_____nd	<i>n.</i> a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
177. skin mic_____me	<i>n.</i> the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body
178. apply AI technology to art	<i>n.</i> (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 171. visual, 172. lurk, 173. noisy, 174. drone, 175. liberate, 176. wonderland, 177. microbiome, 178. AI

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| 179. an____e a chemical compound | <i>v.</i> | to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning |
| 180. spam b_t | <i>n.</i> | a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users |
| 181. historical no__l | <i>n.</i> | an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before |
| 182. d__g a team down | <i>v.</i> | to pull or haul with force |
| 183. a we__d dress | <i>adj.</i> | extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain |
| 184. glass or____nt | <i>n.</i> | a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry |
| 185. the mi____on of birds | <i>n.</i> | the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change |
| 186. official sta____cs | <i>n.</i> | the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 187. the blood fl__h into my face | <i>v.</i> | to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow |

ANSWERS: 179. analyze, 180. bot, 181. novel, 182. drag, 183. weird, 184. ornament, 185. migration, 186. statistics, 187. flush

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| 188. pull up a w__d | <i>n.</i> a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants |
| 189. en_____ne disorders | <i>adj.</i> relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes |
| 190. pr_____t the future | <i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 191. the state of being we__d | <i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain |
| 192. no__l effect | <i>n.</i> an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before |
| 193. install a wa_____y | <i>n.</i> a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden |
| 194. the worst case sc_____io | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |
| 195. end of the gr__e period | <i>n.</i> a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal |
| 196. so_____re architect | <i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs |
| 197. sc__y story | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating |

ANSWERS: 188. weed, 189. endocrine, 190. predict, 191. weird, 192. novel, 193. walkway, 194. scenario, 195. grace, 196. software, 197. scary

198. biomass f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
199. beauty sa__n	<i>n.</i> a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon
200. fa____y of logic	<i>n.</i> a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
201. w__d management	<i>n.</i> a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
202. bi____e behavior	<i>adj.</i> very strange or unusual
203. telephone ex____on	<i>n.</i> a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
204. fo____st expert	<i>adj.</i> most important, leading, or prominent
205. key mi____ne	<i>n.</i> an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
206. me____n in a report	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
207. AI expert	<i>n.</i> (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 198. fuel, 199. salon, 200. fallacy, 201. weed, 202. bizarre, 203. extension, 204. foremost, 205. milestone, 206. mention, 207. AI

208. exp_____nt design	<i>n.</i>	the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
209. Alice's won_____nd	<i>n.</i>	a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
210. the mental process of day_____ng	<i>n.</i>	the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
211. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog	<i>n.</i>	a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
212. avoid climate cat_____he	<i>n.</i>	a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
213. become increasingly com_____ed	<i>adj.</i>	involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
214. number of different sc_____ios	<i>n.</i>	a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
215. ex___d a lineup	<i>v.</i>	to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
216. ser_____ty moment	<i>n.</i>	the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
217. ser_____ty discovery	<i>n.</i>	the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

ANSWERS: 208. experiment, 209. wonderland, 210. daydreaming, 211. transformation, 212. catastrophe, 213. complicated, 214. scenario, 215. expand, 216. serendipity, 217. serendipity

218. a crumbling dy_____ia	<i>n.</i> an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
219. ur__n planning	<i>adj.</i> relating to or located in a town or city
220. the st_____re of a machine	<i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
221. tu___l disease	<i>n.</i> an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
222. d__p the gravel on the road	<i>v.</i> to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
223. driverless aut_____le	<i>n.</i> a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
224. me_____ty pollution	<i>n.</i> a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
225. classic arc_____ure	<i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
226. the tr__d away from television	<i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing
227. get inc_____ly insecure	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
228. em_____r my life	<i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something
229. acc_____te a chemical reaction	<i>v.</i> to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 218. dystopia, 219. urban, 220. structure, 221. tunnel, 222. dump, 223. automobile, 224. megacity, 225. architecture, 226. trend, 227. incredibly, 228. empower, 229. accelerate

230. up____ng election	<i>adj.</i> approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
231. the t__e of a song	<i>n.</i> a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
232. jazz qu____t	<i>n.</i> a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
233. a desirable ou____e	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
234. ad____e a cooperative relationship	<i>v.</i> to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
235. an insect sp__y	<i>n.</i> a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
236. keep fo____st in mind	<i>adj.</i> most important, leading, or prominent
237. violent por______hy	<i>n.</i> materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
238. app____on ghost	<i>n.</i> the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone
239. br____nt performance	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
240. co____e augmented reality	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 230. upcoming, 231. tune, 232. quartet, 233. outcome, 234. advance, 235. spray, 236. foremost, 237. pornography, 238. apparition, 239. brilliant, 240. combine

241. say a gr__e	<i>n.</i> a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
242. re____nt our life	<i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
243. death from sh__k	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
244. d__p hazardous waste	<i>v.</i> to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
245. re____nt local dishes	<i>v.</i> to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
246. he is ob___sed with the fear	<i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
247. time ex_____on	<i>n.</i> a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
248. a bu__h of trees	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
249. the professor of su____y	<i>n.</i> 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

ANSWERS: 241. grace, 242. reinvent, 243. shock, 244. dump, 245. reinvent, 246. obsess, 247. extension, 248. bunch, 249. surgery

250. sp_____te on the outcome	<i>v.</i>	to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
251. li_____te potential	<i>v.</i>	to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
252. an associate ju__e	<i>n.</i>	a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
253. to____t seat	<i>n.</i>	a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
254. ant_____te your kind cooperation	<i>v.</i>	to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
255. luminous n__n tube	<i>n.</i>	a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it
256. ad_____e the technology	<i>v.</i>	to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
257. legal co_____t	<i>n.</i>	the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
258. tra_____er person	<i>adj.</i>	relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

ANSWERS: 250. speculate, 251. liberate, 252. judge, 253. toilet, 254. anticipate, 255. neon, 256. advance, 257. context, 258. transgender

259. the user in_____ce	<i>n.</i> (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
260. ant_____te a black future	<i>v.</i> to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
261. tu____l construction work	<i>n.</i> an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
262. na_____te through a document	<i>v.</i> to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
263. stimulate day_____ng	<i>n.</i> the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
264. sp____r venom	<i>n.</i> a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
265. an ed_____al article	<i>adj.</i> relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
266. the great di_____ry of the century	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
267. copyrighted so_____re	<i>n.</i> a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 259. interface, 260. anticipate, 261. tunnel, 262. navigate, 263. daydreaming, 264. spider, 265. editorial, 266. discovery, 267. software

268. gov_____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
269. a traffic j_m	<i>n.</i> a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
270. save the pl____t	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
271. non-fi_____n bestseller	<i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
272. au_____t the reality	<i>v.</i> to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
273. mysterious app_____on	<i>n.</i> the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone
274. common in_____on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
275. cannot log in to the a_p	<i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
276. overseas mi_____on	<i>n.</i> the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

ANSWERS: 268. government, 269. jam, 270. planet, 271. fiction, 272. augment, 273. apparition, 274. invention, 275. app, 276. migration

277. a craft un__n	<i>n.</i> a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
278. a bu__h of schoolgirls	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
279. gadget te___es	<i>n.</i> a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
280. an____e your real motives	<i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
281. cat_____he risk management	<i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
282. develop in____e itching	<i>adj.</i> (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
283. st_____re and function of the brain	<i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
284. the bl__e of a turbine	<i>n.</i> the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
285. the story is bi____e	<i>adj.</i> very strange or unusual
286. economic ge_____hy	<i>n.</i> a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
287. ov_____ht parking	<i>adj.</i> lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 277. union, 278. bunch, 279. techie, 280. analyze, 281. catastrophe, 282. intense, 283. structure, 284. blade, 285. bizarre, 286. geography, 287. overnight

288. clo_____pe photography	<i>n.</i> the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky
289. a te_____al restriction	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
290. tr_____c jam	<i>n.</i> the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
291. improved student ou_____es	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
292. acc_____te the car	<i>v.</i> to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
293. ex____d agricultural output	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
294. a vast inventory of ha_____re	<i>n.</i> durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
295. ch____e iron ore	<i>n.</i> a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google
296. business ho_____n	<i>n.</i> the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 288. cloudscape, 289. temporal, 290. traffic, 291. outcome, 292. accelerate, 293. expand, 294. hardware, 295. chrome, 296. horizon

297. string qu____t	<i>n.</i> a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
298. carry a s__r	<i>n.</i> a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
299. en_____ne cell	<i>adj.</i> relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
300. sto_____ing performance	<i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories
301. te_____al history	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
302. to____t paper	<i>n.</i> a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
303. a habit des_____ve to health	<i>adj.</i> causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
304. tr_____rm an education system	<i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks;
305. decision-making pr_____s	<i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
306. sp_____te about the reason	<i>v.</i> to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

ANSWERS: 297. quartet, 298. scar, 299. endocrine, 300. storytelling, 301. temporal, 302. toilet, 303. destructive, 304. transform, 305. process, 306. speculate

307. steel with ch___e accents	<i>n.</i> a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google
308. au____t immunity	<i>v.</i> to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
309. sh__k-resistant	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
310. con_____ion in English	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
311. b_t detection	<i>n.</i> a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
312. ge_____hy class	<i>n.</i> a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
313. have apo_____ic overtones	<i>adj.</i> describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
314. a weather ch__t	<i>n.</i> a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
315. aut_____ian practice	<i>adj.</i> characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

ANSWERS: 307. chrome, 308. augment, 309. shock, 310. conversation, 311. bot, 312. geography, 313. apocalyptic, 314. chart, 315. authoritarian

316. smokeless f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
317. ho____ss shelter	<i>adj.</i> without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets
318. me____n name	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
319. ec____y of scale	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
320. br____nt idea	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
321. arc____ure design	<i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
322. web sp____r	<i>n.</i> a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
323. telescopic vi____n	<i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
324. n_d courteously	<i>v.</i> to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
325. a cr__k in a board	<i>v.</i> to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 316. fuel, 317. homeless, 318. mention, 319. economy, 320. brilliant, 321. architecture, 322. spider, 323. vision, 324. nod, 325. crack

326. apo_____ic event

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

ANSWERS: 326. apocalyptic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
2. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.
n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
3. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
4. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
5. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
6. The nightlife district was lit up with colorful _____ signs and bright lights.
n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it
7. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 1. architecture, 2. loop, 3. structure, 4. bunch, 5. hardware, 6. neon, 7. judge

8. I always _____ my hands before eating to prevent germs from spreading.
v. to clean or disinfect something to make it safe or hygienic; to remove potentially harmful or sensitive information from a document or communication
9. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
10. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
11. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
12. The _____ played a beautiful piece of music together.
n. a group of four musicians or vocalists; a composition of music written for such a group
13. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
14. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
15. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 8. sanitize, 9. intense, 10. catastrophe, 11. compressed, 12. quartet, 13. boom, 14. union, 15. advance

16. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
17. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
18. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
19. I'm excited about the _____ concert with my favorite band.
adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
20. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of _____.
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
21. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.
n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
22. Walking through the graveyard at night, I saw an eerie _____ of a ghostly figure.
n. the appearance of a ghost or ghost-like image; a sudden and unexpected appearance of something or someone
23. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

ANSWERS: 16. government, 17. dystopias, 18. Communal, 19. upcoming, 20. AI, 21. substitute, 22. apparition, 23. genetic

24. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
25. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
26. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.
- n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
27. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
28. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
29. The recent political _____ has left the country in a state of chaos.
- n.* great change, disruption, or disturbance; (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation
30. The city is upgrading its _____ system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.
- n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
31. The _____ nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.
- adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity

ANSWERS: 24. fungus, 25. storytelling, 26. futurist, 27. Technological, 28. context, 29. upheaval, 30. sewer, 31. temporal

32. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
33. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
34. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
35. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
36. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
37. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
38. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
39. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.
n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

ANSWERS: 32. app's, 33. accelerate, 34. anticipate, 35. reinvent, 36. shock, 37. incredibly, 38. crack, 39. jams

40. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.
- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
41. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
42. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
43. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
44. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
45. Truth is stranger than _____.
- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
46. The friend's death _____ them.
- v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

ANSWERS: 40. extension, 41. cancer, 42. nodded, 43. empowered, 44. insights, 45. fiction, 46. awakens

47. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.
v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
48. She is a full-time _____ who cares for her children and runs the household.
n. a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties
49. The _____ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.
n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
50. She is the _____ president of the company.
adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
51. Lizards can _____ their tails if they are cut off.
v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
52. The company _____ him after several years of service.
v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
53. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
54. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.
n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

ANSWERS: 47. augmented, 48. housewife, 49. walkway, 50. virtual, 51. regrow, 52. dumped, 53. weird, 54. migration

55. The nurse _____ the children in the school.

- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

56. The sunset created a beautiful _____ over the ocean.

- n.* the overall appearance or formation of clouds in the sky, seen as an artistic or visual display; a painting or photograph of clouds in the sky

57. She frequented the _____ for intellectual discussions and to keep up with the latest cultural trends.

- n.* a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon

58. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

59. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

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

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

61. Her research team made an important _____.

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

62. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 55. vaccinated, 56. cloudscape, 57. salon, 58. liberated, 59. experiments, 60. develop, 61. discovery, 62. invention

63. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
64. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
- n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
65. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
- n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
66. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
67. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
68. The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular _____ allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.
- n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
69. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 63. damage, 64. techie, 65. mood, 66. transformations, 67. outcome, 68. tunnel, 69. medicinal

70. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
71. 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
72. The paint was a _____ of different pigments to achieve the desired color.
- n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
73. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
- v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
74. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
75. In the city, the risk of traffic accidents _____ at every corner.
- v.* to wait somewhere secretly, especially because you are about to attack someone or do something bad or illegal
76. 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

ANSWERS: 70. spider, 71. novel, 72. mixture, 73. repurposed, 74. combine, 75. lurks, 76. economy

77. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

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

78. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.

- adj.* most important, leading, or prominent

79. The _____ technology was revolutionary in its field.

- adj.* being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity

80. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

81. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

82. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.

- n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

83. The translation ____ helped me translate a website from another country.

- n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

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

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

ANSWERS: 77. analyze, 78. foremost, 79. cutting-edge, 80. process, 81. string, 82. serendipity, 83. bot, 84. statistics

85. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
86. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
87. The construction outside was creating a ____ distraction from my work.
adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
88. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
89. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
90. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.
n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
91. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
92. 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
93. The colorful garden was a _____ of various plants and flowers.
n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

ANSWERS: 85. fuel, 86. consequences, 87. noisy, 88. conversation, 89. grace, 90. tune, 91. urban, 92. relations, 93. wonderland

94. The girl _____ when a young man whistled as she walked by.
- v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow
95. She only reads _____ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.
- adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
96. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
97. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
98. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.
- n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
99. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
100. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling _____.
- n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
101. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 94. flushed, 95. highbrow, 96. transformed, 97. device, 98. blade, 99. expand, 100. megacity, 101. horizon,

102. This pie _____ represents our market share.

- n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

103. 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

104. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

- v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

105. 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

106. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

- v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

107. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v.* to pull or haul with force

108. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

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

109. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

- v.* to communicate or react with somebody

ANSWERS: 102. chart, 103. battery, 104. speculated, 105. surgery, 106. attributes, 107. dragged, 108. apocalyptic, 109. interact

110. I often waste a lot of time _____.

- n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

111. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.

- n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

112. The _____ system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.

- adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes

113. She read her _____ every morning to see what the day had in store for her.

- n.* a forecast of a person's future, typically based on a chart or diagram representing the positions of the sun, moon, planets, etc

114. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

- n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

115. She had an audition for _____ school.

- n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

116. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 110. daydreaming, 111. interface, 112. endocrine, 113. horoscope, 114. barbecue, 115. drama, 116. predict

117. The food chain causes a material _____.

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

118. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

- adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

119. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.

- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

120. She did well on her _____ exam.

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

121. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

122. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

- adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

123. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

- adj.* relating to seeing or sight

124. The _____ on the tree was delicate and intricate, adding to its beauty.

- n.* a decoration or embellishment that adds beauty or enhances the appearance of something, especially a Christmas tree or a piece of jewelry

ANSWERS: 117. cycle, 118. transgender, 119. awareness, 120. geography, 121. improve, 122. authoritarian, 123. visual, 124. ornament

125. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
126. Many people cling to the _____ that they can get rich quickly, despite all evidence.
- n.* a mistaken belief, idea, or argument that is not supported by facts or evidence; a deceptive or misleading statement or belief
127. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
128. Reaching the _____ of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.
- n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
129. The _____ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
- n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
130. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.
- n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
131. The magician waved his _____ and a rabbit appeared from the hat.
- n.* a slender rod or stick, especially one used for magic or divination; a rod or staff carried by certain officials as a symbol of authority

ANSWERS: 125. traffic, 126. fallacy, 127. mentioned, 128. milestone, 129. automobile, 130. pornography, 131. wand,

132. The study found that regular exercise can help to prevent the onset of _____ in older age.
- n.* a severe decline in cognitive function, especially memory, as a result of disease or injury
133. The gut _____ is a major producer of serotonin, which is necessary for human mental stability.
- n.* the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body
134. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
- adj.* existing only in someone's mind
135. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.
- n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
136. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.
- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
137. The truth was more _____ than expected.
- adj.* very strange or unusual
138. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
139. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

ANSWERS: 132. dementia, 133. microbiome, 134. imaginary, 135. weeds, 136. overnight, 137. bizarre, 138. complicated, 139. navigate

140. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

141. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

142. They found a _____ place to play catch.

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

143. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

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

144. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

145. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

146. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

147. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

148. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

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

ANSWERS: 140. vertical, 141. scar, 142. handy, 143. vision, 144. monument, 145. destructive, 146. toilet, 147. scary, 148. software

149. The shiny _____ finish on the car caught the sunlight and sparkled.

- n.* a type of polished metal that is highly reflective and has a mirror-like finish; a web browser developed by Google

150. The _____ of events was important for understanding history.

- n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

151. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.

- n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

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

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

153. He became _____ after losing his job.

- adj.* without a home, and therefore typically living on the streets

154. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

155. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

156. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

ANSWERS: 149. chrome, 150. chronology, 151. hormone, 152. Climate, 153. homeless, 154. scenarios, 155. planet, 156. obsessed

157. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

158. The artist used a _____ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

n. a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

159. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

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

160. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

161. The oil price continued their downward _____.

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

162. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

163. She could find no _____ explanation for its failure.

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

ANSWERS: 157. rainwater, 158. spray, 159. drone, 160. editorial, 161. trend, 162. brilliant, 163. plausible