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Session 1: Word List

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym: burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

thereafter

adv. after that; subsequently

synonym : subsequently, afterward, henceforth

(1) not long **thereafter**, (2) for several weeks **thereafter**

He was promoted to manager, and **thereafter**, he began to make changes in the company.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

hack

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

synonym : cut, chop, crack

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

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

infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

synonym : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident
We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

automated

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

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way
The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing
We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer
immediately

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

sentimental

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

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

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

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

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

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.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym: clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

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

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

counsel

n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

synonym : advice, guidance, direction

(1) take **counsel**, (2) career **counsel**

She sought the **counsel** of her trusted advisor before making a decision.

prosecutor

n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

synonym : district attorney, state attorney

(1) a public **prosecutor**, (2) deputy **prosecutor**

The **prosecutor's** opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym : accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym : plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

defraud

v. to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain

synonym: cheat, swindle, deceive

(1) **defraud** the investors, (2) **defraud** the government

The accused was charged with attempting to **defraud** his elderly neighbor out of her life savings.

meddle

v. to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

synonym: interfere, intrude, tamper

(1) **meddle** in relationships, (2) **meddle** with the evidence

She always tries to **meddle** in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

misinformation

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

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

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

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

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

discord

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

synonym : disharmony, disagreement, strife

(1) in **discord** with my friend, (2) **discord** between team members

Political **discord** has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

addition

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

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym : mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym : disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

trigger

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

synonym : activate, spark, drive

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

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

mob

n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

synonym : crowd, throng, horde

(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence

The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.

longitudinal

adj. relating to or measuring along the length of an object or course or longitude (= the angular distance between a point on any meridian and the prime meridian at Greenwich); running downwards rather than across

synonym : axial, lengthwise

(1) **longitudinal** axes, (2) **longitudinal** data

The researchers conducted a **longitudinal** study on the effects of the new medication.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym : affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

inception

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

synonym : origin, beginning, start

(1) **inception** date, (2) lease **inception**

The idea for the company was formed at its **inception** and has since grown into a successful business.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony
There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

diffusion

n. a spreading motion in multiple directions
synonym: dispersal, scattering, disbandment

(1) the **diffusion** of knowledge, (2) **diffusion** of lightning
Due to the **diffusion** of television and video, cinema theaters had a small audience.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water
The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

entangle

v. to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
synonym: ensnare, entrap, involve

(1) **entangle** in wires, (2) emotionally **entangle**
The vines of the plant **entangled** themselves around the trellis.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
synonym: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**
The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

diffuse

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
synonym: spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym : size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

hypothesis

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

synonym : assumption, conjecture, theory

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

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

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym : reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

opposition

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

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

spreader

n. a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

synonym : distributor, carrier, transmitter

(1) fertilizer **spreader**, (2) **spreader** of germs
The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus **spreader**.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
synonym: description, elucidation, account
(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**
The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
synonym: create, concoct, invent
(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot
They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
synonym: originality, newness, wonder
(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention
In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate
(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

sociology

n. the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
synonym: anthropology, demography, folklore
(1) **sociology** professor, (2) animal **sociology**

She studied **sociology** in college, learning about different societies and how they function.

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.

corpus

n. a collection of texts or documents, usually used in research or analysis

synonym: collection, body, compilation

(1) **corpus** callous, (2) written **corpus**

The **corpus** of ancient Greek literature includes many famous works.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym: conceptual, conjectural, ideal

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

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

perceive

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

synonym: sense, discern, feel

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

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

perception

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

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

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

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

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**.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

anticipation

n. the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now

synonym : expectation, prediction, prospect

(1) **anticipation** of her arrival, (2) hazard **anticipation**

She waited in eager **anticipation** for his arrival.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

corroborate

v. to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony

synonym : confirm, substantiate, authenticate

(1) **corroborate** evidence, (2) **corroborate** story

The eyewitness testimony **corroborated** the suspect's alibi.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym : parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**
Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

congress

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

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**
Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

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.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle
Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

detection

n. the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something

synonym : discovery, identification, recognition

(1) **detection** by the security software, (2) importance of early **detection**

This smartphone has a collision **detection** function.

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.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym: about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same
This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

differential

n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference

synonym: contrasting, disparate, distinct

(1) **differential** wages, (2) **differential** equation

The two countries pledged to maintain the **differential** between their two currencies.

falsify

v. to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect

synonym: fudge, distort, manipulate

(1) **falsify** data, (2) **falsify** documents

The scientist was caught attempting to **falsify** the results of

the study.

abdicate

v. to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility

synonym: relinquish, renounce, abandon

(1) **abdicate** his duties, (2) **abdicate** from the crown

The king **abdicated** his throne in favor of his son.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

synthetic

adj. made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring

synonym: artificial, manufactured, fabricated

(1) **synthetic** fiber, (2) **synthetic** fertilizer

Synthetic diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true
synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

machine-learning

n. the process through which computers change the way they perform jobs without following explicit instructions by using algorithms and statistical models to analyze and draw inferences from patterns in data

(1) **machine-learning** method, (2) **machine-learning** processor

Many software engineers are developing applications to build **machine-learning** algorithms more quickly.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and

a strong work ethic.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym: peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

likelihood

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

synonym: probability, chance, possibility

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

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

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.

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.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

background

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

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym : mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

frame

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

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

punchy

adj. having a powerful impact; strongly and vividly expressed; of or relating to writing or speech that is memorable or attention-grabbing

synonym : dazed, groggy, disoriented

(1) **punchy** dialogue, (2) **punchy** guitar riffs

The advertisement's **punchy** slogan stayed in the viewer's

mind long after it ended.

videography

n. the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes

synonym: filmmaking, cinematography

(1) **videography** equipment, (2) **videography** skills

The quality of **videography** in this film is exceptional.

stuntman

n. a professional performer who performs dangerous and often physically demanding tasks or stunts in place of an actor in a film or television show

synonym: stunt double, body double, stand-in

(1) **stuntman** performance, (2) skilled **stuntman**

The professional **stuntman** jumped from the burning building and landed safely on the airbag below.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym: hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

choppy

adj. having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction

synonym: rough, uneven, occasional

(1) **choppy** market conditions, (2) **choppy** haircut

The **choppy** waters made it difficult for the fisherman to navigate his boat safely.

aggressive

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

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

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

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

revoke

v. to officially cancel, annul, or withdraw something, often a law, privilege, or right that was previously granted

synonym : annul, cancel, repeal

(1) **revoke** a license, (2) **revoke** a contract

The company decided to **revoke** their offer of employment after discovering the applicant's criminal background.

sue

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

synonym : accuse, plead, file

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

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

reinstate

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

synonym : restore, bring back, revive

(1) **reinstate** a policy, (2) **reinstate** a team member

The boss decided to **reinstate** the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items
synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

extensive

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

synonym: ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary

The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

calorie

n. unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

(1) **calorie** calculation, (2) reduce my **calorie** intake

It would be best if you burned off **calories** through vigorous exercise.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym: in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym: artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

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.

consortium

n. a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal

synonym: partnership, association, alliance

(1) **consortium** agreement, (2) academic **consortium**

The **consortium** of companies pooled their resources to fund the project.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

motive

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

synonym: reason, incentive, drive

(1) murder **motive**, (2) an unworthy **motive**

The detective tried to uncover the **motive** behind the crime.

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.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

garner

v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

synonym : acquire, collect, obtain

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

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

eyeball

n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

(1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball**

Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym : constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

explore

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

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

synonym: control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct

We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

institute

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

synonym: academy, university, college

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

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

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.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

suppress

v. to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

synonym : subdue, bury, stifle

(1) **suppress** a yawn, (2) **suppress** a revolt

The doctor prescribed medication to **suppress** the patient's appetite.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym : suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

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.

kimono

n. a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash

synonym: robe, gown, dress

(1) silk **kimono**, (2) wear a **kimono**

She looked stunning in her traditional Japanese **kimono** dress.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym : concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym : thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym : filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym : hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**
Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

dampen

v. to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement

synonym : drench, moisten, saturate

(1) **dampen** the sound, (2) **dampen** the enthusiasm
The rain helped **dampen** the flames of the campfire.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird
The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident
The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

ethical

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

synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous

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

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

philosophy

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

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

define

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

synonym : characterize, depict, express

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

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

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym : morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job

offers.

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

coordination

n. the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

synonym: cooperation, teamwork, collaboration

(1) data **coordination**, (2) loss of muscle **coordination**

Synchronized swimming needs close **coordination** between six performers.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

teeter

v. to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes

synonym: wobble, totter, sway

(1) **teeter** on the edge, (2) **teeter** on the brink

The drunk man tried to **teeter** along the narrow bridge, almost falling into the river.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym: edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

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.

vigilant

adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties

synonym: watchful, attentive, alert

(1) **vigilant** watch, (2) **vigilant** about hand-washing

The guards had to remain **vigilant** to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. keen per _____ on
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
2. a selfish de _____ on
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
3. de _____ e a question
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
4. ex _____ e the world
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
5. se _____ e a person's property
v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
6. the fr _____ e of the policy
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
7. vi _____ nt about hand-washing
adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
8. the di _____ on of knowledge
n. a spreading motion in multiple directions

ANSWERS: 1. perception, 2. decision, 3. decide, 4. explore, 5. seize, 6. frame, 7. vigilant, 8. diffusion

9. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
10. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
11. re___e a license *v.* to officially cancel, annul, or withdraw something, often a law, privilege, or right that was previously granted
12. in___t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
13. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
14. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
15. a cr____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
16. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
17. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
18. the______al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

ANSWERS: 9. economy, 10. handle, 11. revoke, 12. indict, 13. extend, 14. bunch, 15. credible, 16. decide, 17. sow, 18. theoretical

19. di_____e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
20. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
21. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
22. inf_____te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
23. ve_____y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
24. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
25. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
26. fa_____y data *v.* to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect
27. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 19. diffuse, 20. discriminate, 21. aggressive, 22. infiltrate, 23. verify, 24. whatsoever, 25. disrupt, 26. falsify, 27. perception

28. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
29. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
30. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
31. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
32. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
33. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
34. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
35. take co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
36. in di_____d with my friend *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
37. in_____on date *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

ANSWERS: 28. authoritarian, 29. interact, 30. journalist, 31. incredibly, 32. hypothesis, 33. government, 34. elect, 35. counsel, 36. discord, 37. inception

38. th___d a catheter
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
39. peace co_____ss
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
40. ch___y market conditions
- adj.* having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction
41. a mailing la__l
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
42. tec_____cal policy
- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
43. st_____an performance
- n.* a professional performer who performs dangerous and often physically demanding tasks or stunts in place of an actor in a film or television show

ANSWERS: 38. thread, 39. congress, 40. choppy, 41. label, 42. technological, 43. stuntman

44. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
45. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
46. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
47. te____r on the edge *v.* to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes
48. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
49. redness of the ey_____l *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
50. ga____r good reviews *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
51. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
52. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
53. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
54. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 44. likelihood, 45. instance, 46. propaganda, 47. teeter, 48. adversary, 49. eyeball, 50. garner, 51. individual, 52. brink, 53. institute, 54. policy

55. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
56. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
57. di_____d between team members *n.* lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise
58. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
59. importance of early de_____on *n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something
60. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
61. de_____d the investors *v.* to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain
62. ey_____l motion *n.* the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
63. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
64. academic con_____um *n.* a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal

ANSWERS: 55. opposition, 56. explosion, 57. discord, 58. brink, 59. detection, 60. wipe, 61. defraud, 62. eyeball, 63. testimony, 64. consortium

65. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
66. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
67. pu___y dialogue *adj.* having a powerful impact; strongly and vividly expressed; of or relating to writing or speech that is memorable or attention-grabbing
68. not long the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
69. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
70. b_t detection *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
71. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
72. re_____te our conduct *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
73. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
74. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 65. depth, 66. aggressive, 67. punchy, 68. thereafter, 69. consume, 70. bot, 71. consume, 72. regulate, 73. frame, 74. specific

75. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
76. sh_____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
77. lon_____nal axes *adj.* relating to or measuring along the length of an object or course or longitude (= the angular distance between a point on any meridian and the prime meridian at Greenwich); running downwards rather than across
78. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
79. pu____y guitar riffs *adj.* having a powerful impact; strongly and vividly expressed; of or relating to writing or speech that is memorable or attention-grabbing
80. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
81. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
82. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
83. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 75. congress, 76. shadowy, 77. longitudinal, 78. essentially, 79. punchy, 80. propaganda, 81. trigger, 82. algorithm, 83. addition

84. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
85. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
86. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
87. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
88. au_____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
89. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
90. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
91. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
92. an unworthy mo_____e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
93. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
94. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
95. positive feedback 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

ANSWERS: 84. simultaneously, 85. government, 86. incentive, 87. disrupt, 88. automated, 89. legitimate, 90. environment, 91. ethical, 92. motive, 93. advertise, 94. technique, 95. loop

96. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
97. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
98. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
99. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
100. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
101. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
102. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
103. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
104. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
105. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
106. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

ANSWERS: 96. responsible, 97. devise, 98. tweet, 99. specific, 100. devise, 101. maximum, 102. outcome, 103. approximately, 104. tremendous, 105. sow, 106. underlying

107. in___t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
108. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
109. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
110. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
111. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
112. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
113. murder mo___e *n.* the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way
114. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
115. sy_____ic fiber *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
116. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through

ANSWERS: 107. indict, 108. interact, 109. explanation, 110. deploy, 111. peril, 112. determinant, 113. motive, 114. background, 115. synthetic, 116. transparency

117. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
118. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
119. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
120. au_____ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
121. m_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
122. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
123. co____s callous *n.* a collection of texts or documents, usually used in research or analysis
124. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
125. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
126. ex_____ve experience *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
127. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
128. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 117. hypothesis, 118. statistics, 119. combine, 120. automated, 121. mob, 122. unfortunately, 123. corpus, 124. label, 125. background, 126. extensive, 127. viral, 128. philosophy

129. ex_____e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
130. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
131. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
132. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
133. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
134. a puppet re_____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
135. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
136. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
137. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 129. explore, 130. sentimental, 131. defend, 132. grocery, 133. regulation, 134. regime, 135. platform, 136. responsible, 137. environment

138. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
139. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
140. te____r on the brink *v.* to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes
141. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
142. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
143. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
144. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
145. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 138. president, 139. institute, 140. teeter, 141. microphone, 142. repress, 143. core, 144. transparent, 145. economy

146. improve the lik_____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
147. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
148. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
149. re_____te a team member *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
150. mac_____ing method *n.* the process through which computers change the way they perform jobs without following explicit instructions by using algorithms and statistical models to analyze and draw inferences from patterns in data
151. vid_____hy skills *n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes
152. re___e a contract *v.* to officially cancel, annul, or withdraw something, often a law, privilege, or right that was previously granted
153. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
154. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 146. likelihood, 147. injury, 148. achieve, 149. reinstate, 150. machine-learning, 151. videography, 152. revoke, 153. misinformation, 154. addition

155. so_____gy professor *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
156. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
157. di_____e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
158. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
159. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
160. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
161. fa_____y documents *v.* to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect
162. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
163. bit of a no_____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
164. con_____nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
165. con_____um agreement *n.* a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal

ANSWERS: 155. sociology, 156. magnitude, 157. diffuse, 158. defend, 159. democracy, 160. explosion, 161. falsify, 162. hack, 163. novelty, 164. congressional, 165. consortium

166. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
167. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
168. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
169. cor_____te story *v.* to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony
170. dif_____ial equation *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
171. an av_____e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
172. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
173. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
174. re_____te blood sugar levels *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
175. lon_____nal data *adj.* relating to or measuring along the length of an object or course or longitude (= the angular distance between a point on any meridian and the prime meridian at Greenwich); running downwards rather than across

ANSWERS: 166. determinant, 167. disgust, 168. ultimate, 169. corroborate, 170. differential, 171. avenue, 172. genocide, 173. president, 174. regulate, 175. longitudinal

176. ge____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
177. dis____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
178. de____d the government *v.* to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain
179. sen____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
180. ab____te from the crown *v.* to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility
181. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
182. mis____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
183. vid____hy equipment *n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes
184. exercise re____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
185. loss of muscle coo____ion *n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

ANSWERS: 176. genocide, 177. discriminate, 178. defraud, 179. sentimental, 180. abdicate, 181. fake, 182. misinformation, 183. videography, 184. regime, 185. coordination

186. have ex_____ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
187. emotionally en_____le *v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
188. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
189. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
190. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
191. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
192. attract br___d attention *adj.* very wide; general
193. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 186. extensive, 187. entangle, 188. deploy, 189. intern, 190. conspiracy, 191. exhibit, 192. broad, 193. prop

194. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
195. for several weeks the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
196. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
197. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
198. su_____ss a yawn *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
199. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
200. the no_____y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
201. a fatal in_____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
202. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
203. ch_____y haircut *adj.* having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction
204. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
205. written co_____s *n.* a collection of texts or documents, usually used in research or analysis

ANSWERS: 194. disgust, 195. thereafter, 196. whatsoever, 197. authoritarian, 198. suppress, 199. perceive, 200. novelty, 201. injury, 202. hack, 203. choppy, 204. credible, 205. corpus

206. en____le in wires *v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
207. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
208. field of artificial int____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
209. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
210. ve____y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
211. da____n the sound *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
212. tra____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
213. ab____te his duties *v.* to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility
214. spam b_t *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

ANSWERS: 206. entangle, 207. trigger, 208. intelligence, 209. paradox, 210. verify, 211. dampen, 212. transparency, 213. abdicate, 214. bot

215. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
216. cor_____te evidence *v.* to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony
217. re_____te a policy *v.* to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held
218. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
219. m_b psychology *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
220. political et____s *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
221. reduce my ca_____e intake *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
222. hazard ant_____ion *n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
223. data coo_____ion *n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

ANSWERS: 215. exhibit, 216. corroborate, 217. reinstate, 218. approximately, 219. mob, 220. ethics, 221. calorie, 222. anticipation, 223. coordination

224. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
225. fertilizer sp_____er *n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance
226. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
227. me___e with the evidence *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
228. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
229. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
230. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
231. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
232. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

ANSWERS: 224. equity, 225. spreader, 226. incentive, 227. meddle, 228. magnitude, 229. depress, 230. policy, 231. simultaneously, 232. regulation

233. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
234. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
235. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
236. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
237. political con_____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
238. vi_____nt watch *adj.* keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
239. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
240. transistor ca_____e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
241. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
242. animal so_____gy *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form

ANSWERS: 233. platform, 234. accelerate, 235. independence, 236. perceive, 237. conspiracy, 238. vigilant, 239. novel, 240. cascade, 241. philosophy, 242. sociology

243. the ma____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
244. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
245. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
246. su____ss a revolt *v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force
247. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
248. ex____d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
249. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
250. become ess____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
251. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
252. cannot re____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
253. ca____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
254. imm____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
255. skilled st____an *n.* a professional performer who performs dangerous and often physically demanding tasks or stunts in place of an actor in a film or television show
256. 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

ANSWERS: 243. maximum, 244. punch, 245. peril, 246. suppress, 247. ultimate, 248. extend, 249. sue, 250. essentially, 251. core, 252. repress, 253. cascade, 254. immediately, 255. stuntman, 256. loop

257. deputy pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
258. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
259. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
260. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
261. da____n the enthusiasm *v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
262. the_____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
263. et____s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
264. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
265. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 257. prosecutor, 258. statistics, 259. technique, 260. paradox, 261. dampen, 262. theoretical, 263. ethics, 264. transparent, 265. technological

266. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
267. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
268. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
269. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
270. an av___e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
271. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
272. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
273. give his te_____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
274. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
275. a public pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
276. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 266. humming, 267. advertise, 268. define, 269. tweet, 270. avenue, 271. independence, 272. unfortunately, 273. testimony, 274. tremendous, 275. prosecutor, 276. instance

277. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
278. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
279. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
280. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
281. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
282. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
283. ca_____e calculation *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
284. di_____on of lightning *n.* a spreading motion in multiple directions
285. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
286. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 277. depress, 278. intelligence, 279. fundamental, 280. achieve, 281. broad, 282. legitimate, 283. calorie, 284. diffusion, 285. sophisticated, 286. intern

287. inf_____te a community *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly
288. dif_____ial wages *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
289. sy_____ic fertilizer *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
290. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
291. ant_____ion of her arrival *n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
292. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
293. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
294. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
295. de_____on by the security software *n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something

ANSWERS: 287. infiltrate, 288. differential, 289. synthetic, 290. microphone, 291. anticipation, 292. cooperation, 293. bunch, 294. needle, 295. detection

296. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
297. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
298. sh_____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
299. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
300. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
301. wear a ki_____o *n.* a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash
302. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
303. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
304. fight vi___l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
305. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
306. lease in _____on *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
307. ga___r attention *v.* to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention

ANSWERS: 296. congressional, 297. grocery, 298. shadowy, 299. convincing, 300. convincing, 301. kimono, 302. combine, 303. outcome, 304. viral, 305. democracy, 306. inception, 307. garner

308. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
309. me___e in relationships *v.* to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own
310. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
311. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
312. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
313. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
314. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
315. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
316. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
317. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
318. sp_____er of germs *n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance

ANSWERS: 308. humming, 309. meddle, 310. punch, 311. incredibly, 312. equity, 313. journalist, 314. immediately, 315. handle, 316. sophisticated, 317. depth, 318. spreader

319. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
320. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
321. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
322. career co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
323. mac_____ing processor *n.* the process through which computers change the way they perform jobs without following explicit instructions by using algorithms and statistical models to analyze and draw inferences from patterns in data
324. coo_____on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
325. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
326. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
327. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 319. define, 320. elect, 321. opposition, 322. counsel, 323. machine-learning, 324. cooperation, 325. explanation, 326. wipe, 327. accelerate

328. start a new th___d
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
329. a private ind_____al
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
330. an und_____ng motive
- adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
331. an et_____l doctrine
- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
332. sewing ne___e
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
333. de_____on authority
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
334. emotional p__p
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 328. thread, 329. individual, 330. underlying, 331. ethical, 332. needle, 333. decision, 334. prop

335. s_e my boss for harassment *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
336. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
337. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
338. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
339. silk ki___o *n.* a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash
340. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
341. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
342. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

ANSWERS: 335. sue, 336. fake, 337. seize, 338. algorithm, 339. kimono, 340. adversary, 341. fundamental, 342. novel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

2. Increased _____ pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.
n. the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen

3. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

4. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.
n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

5. They explored every _____ they could think of.
n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

6. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
adv. not at all; no matter what

7. The researchers conducted a _____ study on the effects of the new medication.
adj. relating to or measuring along the length of an object or course or longitude (= the angular distance between a point on any meridian and the prime meridian at Greenwich); running downwards rather than across

ANSWERS: 1. disgust, 2. eyeball, 3. president, 4. adversary, 5. avenue, 6. whatsoever, 7. longitudinal

8. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
9. The person who attended the party while having COVID-19 became a virus _____.
- n.* a person or thing that spreads something, such as a disease, rumor, or substance
10. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
11. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
- v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
12. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.
- adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
13. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
14. He was promoted to manager, and _____ he began to make changes in the company.
- adv.* after that; subsequently

ANSWERS: 8. journalists, 9. spreader, 10. elected, 11. hacking, 12. theoretical, 13. defend, 14. thereafter,

15. She looked stunning in her traditional Japanese _____ dress.
n. a traditional Japanese garment worn by women, consisting of a T-shaped robe with wide sleeves and a wraparound obi sash
16. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
17. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
18. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
19. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.
n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
20. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
21. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
22. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus

ANSWERS: 15. kimono, 16. frame, 17. responsible, 18. explore, 19. conspiracy, 20. tremendous, 21. environment, 22. viral

23. This smartphone has a collision _____ function.
- n.* the act of discovering or identifying the presence of something
24. 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
25. The drunk man tried to _____ along the narrow bridge, almost falling into the river.
- v.* to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes
26. The king _____ his throne in favor of his son.
- v.* to give up, renounce, or relinquish a throne, right, or responsibility
27. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.
- n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
28. _____ diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.
- adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
29. The spy was able to _____ the enemy's headquarters undetected.
- v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

ANSWERS: 23. detection, 24. bot, 25. teeter, 26. abdicated, 27. propaganda, 28. Synthetic, 29. infiltrate

30. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

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

31. 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

32. The incident attracted _____ media coverage throughout the world.

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

33. Due to the _____ of television and video, cinema theaters had a small audience.

n. a spreading motion in multiple directions

34. She waited in eager _____ for his arrival.

n. the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now

35. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

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

adj. very wide; general

37. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

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

ANSWERS: 30. outcome, 31. novel, 32. extensive, 33. diffusion, 34. anticipation, 35. tweet, 36. broad, 37. sentimental

38. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
39. 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
40. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
41. The president must have the highest _____ standards.
- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
42. The rain helped _____ the flames of the campfire.
- v.* to make something wet or moist; to reduce the intensity or impact of something, such as a feeling, sound, or movement
43. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
44. The accused was charged with attempting to _____ his elderly neighbor out of her life savings.
- v.* to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain

ANSWERS: 38. Democracy, 39. loop, 40. individual, 41. ethical, 42. dampen, 43. determinant, 44. defraud

45. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
46. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
47. The guards had to remain _____ to ensure the safety of the high-security facility.
adj. keeping careful watch for possible danger or difficulties
48. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
49. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
50. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
51. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
52. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 45. shadowy, 46. bunch, 47. vigilant, 48. opposition, 49. repressed, 50. combine, 51. achieve, 52. platform

53. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
54. 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
55. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
56. She studied _____ in college, learning about different societies and how they function.
n. the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
57. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
58. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.
adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
59. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.
adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

ANSWERS: 53. accelerate, 54. economy, 55. technique, 56. sociology, 57. advertise, 58. aggressive, 59. congressional

60. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
61. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.
n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
62. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.
n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
63. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.
n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
64. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.
adv. at the same time
65. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
66. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
67. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 60. decide, 61. cooperation, 62. cascade, 63. magnitude, 64. simultaneously, 65. approximately, 66. brink, 67. triggered

68. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company
69. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
70. The pond's _____ was around five feet.
n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
71. My accidental _____ got better right away.
n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
72. She sought the _____ of her trusted advisor before making a decision.
n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
73. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
74. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody
75. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 68. equity, 69. Technological, 70. depth, 71. injury, 72. counsel, 73. explanation, 74. interact, 75. statistics

76. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

77. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

78. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

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

79. The excited ____ was getting out of control at the concert.

- n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

80. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.

- adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

81. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

82. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

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

83. The doctor prescribed medication to _____ the patient's appetite.

- v.* to bring something under control by force or authority; to put an end by force

84. They have no _____ to win the game.

- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 76. depressed, 77. incredibly, 78. addition, 79. mob, 80. legitimate, 81. ultimate, 82. misinformation, 83. suppress, 84. incentive

85. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

- v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

86. _____ a society is an organism.

- adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

87. The vines of the plant _____ themselves around the trellis.

- v. to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape

88. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

- v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

89. We always _____ all critical information independently.

- v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

90. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

- n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

91. We must manage to _____ our expenditure.

- v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

92. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

- n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

ANSWERS: 85. wipe, 86. Essentially, 87. entangled, 88. seize, 89. verify, 90. independence, 91. regulate, 92. regimes

93. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
94. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.
- v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
95. The eyewitness testimony _____ the suspect's alibi.
- v.* to confirm or support something that has already been suggested, particularly by providing evidence or witness testimony
96. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.
- n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
97. 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
98. The _____ of ancient Greek literature includes many famous works.
- n.* a collection of texts or documents, usually used in research or analysis
99. Synchronized swimming needs close _____ between six performers.
- n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
100. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 93. decision, 94. devise, 95. corroborated, 96. explosion, 97. government, 98. corpus, 99. coordination, 100. paradox

101. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
102. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
103. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
104. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
105. The quality of _____ in this film is exceptional.
- n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes
106. Many software engineers are developing applications to build _____ algorithms more quickly.
- n.* the process through which computers change the way they perform jobs without following explicit instructions by using algorithms and statistical models to analyze and draw inferences from patterns in data
107. The idea for the company was formed at its _____ and has since grown into a successful business.
- n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
108. The professional _____ jumped from the burning building and landed safely on the airbag below.
- n.* a professional performer who performs dangerous and often physically demanding tasks or stunts in place of an actor in a film or television show

ANSWERS: 101. hypothesis, 102. cores, 103. instances, 104. unfortunately, 105. videography, 106. machine-learning, 107. inception, 108. stuntman

109. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
110. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
111. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
- n.* serious and great danger or risk
112. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
113. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
114. The _____ of companies pooled their resources to fund the project.
- n.* a group or association of individuals, organizations, or businesses that come together for a common purpose or goal

ANSWERS: 109. algorithm, 110. thread, 111. peril, 112. disrupt, 113. needles, 114. consortium

115. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

116. He _____ the wall in anger.

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

117. The advertisement's _____ slogan stayed in the viewer's mind long after it ended.

adj. having a powerful impact; strongly and vividly expressed; of or relating to writing or speech that is memorable or attention-grabbing

118. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

119. The two countries pledged to maintain the _____ between their two currencies.

n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference

120. The boss decided to _____ the recently fired employee after realizing their mistake.

v. to restore or bring back to a previous position, status, or condition; to return someone to a former job or position which they previously held

121. The main discussion topic is government _____.

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

122. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

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

ANSWERS: 115. maximum, 116. punched, 117. punchy, 118. sowed, 119. differential, 120. reinstate, 121. transparency, 122. Congress

123. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a _____.
- n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
124. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.
- adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
125. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
126. The _____ principle of every business was identical.
- adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
127. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.
- n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
128. The company decided to _____ their offer of employment after discovering the applicant's criminal background.
- v.* to officially cancel, annul, or withdraw something, often a law, privilege, or right that was previously granted
129. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
130. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 123. novelty, 124. automated, 125. deployed, 126. underlying, 127. likelihood, 128. revoke, 129. philosophy, 130. specific

131. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

132. Political _____ has led to a lot of tension at family gatherings lately.

n. lack of agreement or harmony between people or things; a disagreement or dispute; a harsh, unpleasant sound or noise

133. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

134. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

135. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

136. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

137. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

138. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

ANSWERS: 131. regulation, 132. discord, 133. humming, 134. consume, 135. faked, 136. intelligence, 137. ethics, 138. transparent

139. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
140. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
141. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
142. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
- adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
143. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
- v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
144. The _____ waters made it difficult for the fisherman to navigate his boat safely.
- adj.* having a rough, uneven, or irregular motion or flow; characterized by short or sudden movements or changes in direction
145. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.
- n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

ANSWERS: 139. microphone, 140. policy, 141. interned, 142. sophisticated, 143. perceived, 144. choppy, 145. testimony

146. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
147. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.
- v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
148. He used his charm and charisma to _____ support for his campaign.
- v. to acquire or accumulate something through effort or attention
149. The _____ opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.
- n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
150. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.
- n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
151. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
152. He planned to ____ the organization for negligence.
- v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

ANSWERS: 146. define, 147. indict, 148. garner, 149. prosecutor's, 150. genocide, 151. background, 152. sue

153. We all should learn how to _____ stress.

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

154. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

155. 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

156. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

157. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

158. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

159. The detective tried to uncover the _____ behind the crime.

n. the reason or incentive that drives a person to act in a certain way

160. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

ANSWERS: 153. handle, 154. grocery, 155. authoritarian, 156. label, 157. credible, 158. prop, 159. motive, 160. immediately

161. You should not _____ against minorities.

- v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

162. Direct lighting is preferable to _____ lighting when reading.

- adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

163. She always tries to _____ in other people's affairs, and it's starting to get annoying.

- v. to interfere in someone else's affairs without permission or invitation; to become involved in an activity that is not one's own

164. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

- v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

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

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

166. I found her assertion pretty _____.

- adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

167. It would be best if you burned off _____ through vigorous exercise.

- n. unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

168. The scientist was caught attempting to _____ the results of the study.

- v. to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect

ANSWERS: 161. discriminate, 162. diffuse, 163. meddle, 164. extend, 165. perception, 166. convincing, 167. calories, 168. falsify

169. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

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

170. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

171. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.

- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

ANSWERS: 169. institutes, 170. fundamental, 171. exhibit