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Session 1: Word List

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

survival

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

synonym : endurance, continuity

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

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

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym : fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym : impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial

atmosphere

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

staggering

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

synonym: astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

rank

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

synonym: position, status, standing

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

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

mainstay

n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

synonym: support, anchor, foundation

(1) the **mainstay** of the community, (2) country's **mainstay**

The company's **mainstay** product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.

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.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
synonym: disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

abysmal

adj. extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

synonym: dreadful, terrible, appalling

(1) **abysmal** performance, (2) **abysmal** living conditions

The company's **abysmal** sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

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**.

humanitarian

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

synonym: philanthropic, compassionate, caring

(1) **humanitarian** crisis, (2) a truly **humanitarian** act

The organization is dedicated to providing **humanitarian** aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym : overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

afield

adv. far away from home; in a field or rural area, often used in the context of hunting or gathering wild plants

synonym : afar, far away, far off

(1) drive farther **afield**, (2) travel **afield**

They ventured **afield** in search of a rare species of bird.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

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**.

unnecessary

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

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

entirely

adv. completely
synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame
Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

reversible

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
synonym: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics
The jacket is **reversible** so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**
Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

equator

n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

synonym : equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands

Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

misnomer

n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming

synonym : misnaming, misapplication, inaccuracy

(1) a **misnomer** for the term, (2) technical **misnomer**

The name "killer whale" is a **misnomer** as they rarely attack humans.

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
synonym: armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

indiscriminate

adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

synonym: random, haphazard, eclectic

(1) **indiscriminate** violence, (2) **indiscriminate** use of force

The **indiscriminate** spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

wrought

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

synonym: made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane
He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought** by the war.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym: preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics
The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

migration

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

synonym: exodus

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

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

outlook

n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

synonym: perspective, view, overlook

(1) the **outlook** of the townsite, (2) a positive **outlook** on life

Our company's business **outlook** for next year is bright.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym : fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

collapse

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

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

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

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

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

trawl

v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or

information

synonym : fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for his catch.

rapacious

adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

synonym : greedy, predatory, acquisitive

(1) **rapacious** appetite, (2) **rapacious** behavior

The **rapacious** CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

mesmerize

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

synonym : captivate, trance, enchant

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

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

coral

n. a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

(1) **coral** island, (2) **coral** ornament

She is wearing a **coral** necklace.

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.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

replenish

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied
synonym: refill, reload, restock

(1) **replenish** a reserve fund, (2) **replenish** my spirit

Please **replenish** my glass with some more wine.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

earnest

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

synonym: sincere, serious, genuine

(1) **earnest** attempt, (2) **earnest** conversation

He spoke in an **earnest** tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

squeeze

v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

synonym : compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

restriction

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

synonym : limitation, constraint, control

(1) nutritional **restriction**, (2) **restriction** on trade

The **restriction** on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

rejection

n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

synonym : refusal, denial, repudiation

(1) transplant **rejection**, (2) **rejection** by community

His proposals were met with **rejection**.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business
Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities
They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes
She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

immense

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: enormous, giant, huge

(1) **immense** amount, (2) **immense** pressure
He left his wife an **immense** fortune.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**
The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

octopus

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

synonym: devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

soar

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

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

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

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

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym: exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

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.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support,

connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

dramatic

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

synonym: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

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

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

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**.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

temporarily

adv. for a limited time only or not permanently

synonym: for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym: evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym: favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym: steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

boom

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

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

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

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

closure

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

synonym: shutdown, stoppage, termination

(1) public school **closures**, (2) **closure** of a road

They regretted the **closure** of their restaurant.

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.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym: shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

withdraw

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

synonym: retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

transformation

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

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

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

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

spur

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

synonym : encouragement, motivation, stimulus

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

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

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym : toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

astonishment

n. a feeling of very great surprise

synonym : wonder, surprise, amazement

(1) blink in **astonishment**, (2) struck with **astonishment**

They stood rooted in **astonishment** for a while.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

evangelist

n. a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching

synonym : preacher, missionary, revivalist

(1) television **evangelist**, (2) technology **evangelist**

The religious **evangelist** traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.

reject

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

synonym :

decline, turn down, repudiate

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

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.

governance

n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

synonym: administration, management, direction

(1) good **governance**, (2) corporate **governance**

The United Nations assists countries in building strong **governance** frameworks and institutions.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym: unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym: destroying, harmful, disastrous

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

health

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

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym: acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

reward

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

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

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

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

field.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym : crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

mackerel

n. a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance

(1) blue **mackerel**, (2) fresh **mackerel**

Many people enjoy grilled **mackerel** as a delicious and healthy meal option.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

reap

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

synonym : collect, harvest, derive

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

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

dividend

n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves

synonym: payout, distribution, return

(1) **dividend** on equity ratio, (2) receive a **dividend**

The company announced a quarterly **dividend** of \$0.50 per share.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

confidence

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

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

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

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

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym : unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly;
(chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym : accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

compete

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

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

subsidy

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

synonym: allowance, grant, sponsorship

(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research

The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

grotesque

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

synonym: bizarre, deformed, monstrous

(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance

The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something

synonym: advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling

The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym : contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**
His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**
Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities
The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

narrative

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

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

abundance

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

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

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

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

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym: frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

alienation

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

synonym: estrangement, separation, detachment

(1) human **alienation**, (2) international **alienation**

His feelings of **alienation** from society led to depression.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

acidification

n. the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid

(1) **acidification** of soil, (2) stream **acidification**

Ocean **acidification** leads to a decrease in tiny sea snails.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

scalable

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

synonym: expandable, flexible, adjustable

(1) **scalable** solution, (2) dynamically **scalable**

The company's new software is highly **scalable**, allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym: basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

stake

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

synonym: share, interest, post

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

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

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
2. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
3. international ali_____on *n.* the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment
4. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
5. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
6. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
7. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
8. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
9. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
10. well-wr_____t steel *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

ANSWERS: 1. remarkable, 2. magic, 3. alienation, 4. crisis, 5. climate, 6. reverse, 7. abundance, 8. dimension, 9. entirely, 10. wrought

11. 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
12. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
13. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
14. variety of ma_____e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
15. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
16. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
17. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
18. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
19. shopping re_____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
20. an unnamed do____r *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

ANSWERS: 11. explore, 12. transformation, 13. crab, 14. marine, 15. reliable, 16. governance, 17. extreme, 18. recognition, 19. reward, 20. donor

21. im____e amount *adj.* extremely large or great
22. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
23. country's ma____ay *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
24. me____ze with magic *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
25. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
26. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
27. bestowed bl____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
28. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
29. tr__l the Internet for free music *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
30. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
31. giant oc____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

ANSWERS: 21. immense, 22. balance, 23. mainstay, 24. mesmerize, 25. mud, 26. magic, 27. blessing, 28. conservationist, 29. trawl, 30. recover, 31. octopus

32. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
33. tr____al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
34. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
35. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
36. tr____al cyclones *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
37. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
38. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
39. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
40. victim of cat____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
41. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
42. local vi____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
43. the ma____ay of the community *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

ANSWERS: 32. poverty, 33. tropical, 34. communal, 35. threaten, 36. tropical, 37. privilege, 38. boom, 39. extreme, 40. catastrophic, 41. unfold, 42. villager, 43. mainstay

44. tem_____ly suspend the production
adv. for a limited time only or not permanently
45. di_____nd on equity ratio
n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
46. literature of pe_____nt value
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
47. guarantee re_____le delivery
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
48. south of the eq_____r
n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
49. acute em_____cy
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
50. ea_____t conversation
adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment
51. a vul_____le bridge
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
52. the ou_____k of the townsite
n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
53. a positive ou_____k on life
n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

ANSWERS: 44. temporarily, 45. dividend, 46. permanent, 47. reliable, 48. equator, 49. emergency, 50. earnest, 51. vulnerable, 52. outlook, 53. outlook

54. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
55. deeply indented co_____ne *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
56. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
57. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
58. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
59. coo_____on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
60. buy the company's st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
61. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
62. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
63. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
64. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

ANSWERS: 54. nutrition, 55. coastline, 56. relation, 57. overwhelming, 58. government, 59. cooperation, 60. stake, 61. eliminate, 62. narrative, 63. grandchild, 64. capitalize

65. struck with ast_____ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
66. im_____e pressure *adj.* extremely large or great
67. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
68. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
69. 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
70. blood ve_____ls *n.* a ship or large boat
71. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
72. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
73. ta_____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
74. a harbor of re_____e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
75. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
76. ab_____l living conditions *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

ANSWERS: 65. astonishment, 66. immense, 67. relation, 68. nutrition, 69. achieve, 70. vessel, 71. collapse, 72. comprise, 73. tackle, 74. refuge, 75. vulnerable, 76. abysmal

77. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
78. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
79. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
80. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
81. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
82. a su____y for research *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
83. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
84. blue ma____el *n.* a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance
85. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 77. boom, 78. empower, 79. reject, 80. viral, 81. outlaw, 82. subsidy, 83. develop, 84. mackerel, 85. movement

86. technology eva_____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
87. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
88. a habit des_____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
89. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
90. nutritional res_____on *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
91. commercial fi_____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
92. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
93. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
94. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
95. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
96. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
97. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 86. evangelist, 87. villager, 88. destructive, 89. overwhelming, 90. restriction, 91. fishery, 92. apparent, 93. poverty, 94. viral, 95. accelerate, 96. sight, 97. deplete

98. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
99. 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
100. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
101. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
102. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
103. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
104. above the eq_____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
105. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
106. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 98. grotesque, 99. democracy, 100. rank, 101. propel, 102. critic, 103. refuge, 104. equator, 105. fleet, 106. chase

107. fresh ma_____el *n.* a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance
108. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
109. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
110. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
111. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
112. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
113. me_____ze a subject *v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of
114. aci_____ion of soil *n.* the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid
115. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
116. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
117. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
118. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 107. mackerel, 108. balance, 109. remarkable, 110. recover, 111. urgently, 112. planet, 113. mesmerize, 114. acidification, 115. agile, 116. nowhere, 117. destruction, 118. principle

119. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
120. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
121. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
122. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
123. re_____sh a reserve fund *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
124. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
125. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
126. op_____ze a process *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
127. op_____ze control for cooling *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
128. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
129. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
130. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

ANSWERS: 119. mangrove, 120. donor, 121. reef, 122. ancestor, 123. replenish, 124. invest, 125. sustainable, 126. optimize, 127. optimize, 128. horror, 129. academic, 130. blessing

131. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
132. rev_____le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
133. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
134. 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
135. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
136. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
137. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
138. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
139. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
140. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 131. overfishing, 132. reversible, 133. capitalize, 134. achieve, 135. migration, 136. ancestor, 137. plain, 138. tackle, 139. mud, 140. confidence

141. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
142. naval ve____ls *n.* a ship or large boat
143. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
144. po_____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
145. sq_____e a confession *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
146. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
147. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
148. dynamically sc_____le *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
149. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
150. a mi_____er for the term *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
151. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
152. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

ANSWERS: 141. biology, 142. vessel, 143. reimagine, 144. poorest, 145. squeeze, 146. revolution, 147. rebuild, 148. scalable, 149. planet, 150. misnomer, 151. rebuild, 152. soil

153. co__l ornament *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
154. sq_____e a lemon *v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
155. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
156. transplant re_____on *n.* the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
157. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
158. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
159. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
160. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
161. s__r of the moment *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

ANSWERS: 153. coral, 154. squeeze, 155. recommend, 156. rejection, 157. comprise, 158. horror, 159. appeal, 160. dimension, 161. spur

162. receive a di_____nd *n.* a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
163. rev_____le fabrics *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
164. ind_____ate use of force *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
165. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
166. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
167. execution by burning at a st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
168. 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;
169. res_____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
170. ab_____l performance *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

ANSWERS: 162. dividend, 163. reversible, 164. indiscriminate, 165. devastating, 166. reverse, 167. stake, 168. paradox, 169. restriction, 170. abysmal

171. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
172. inefficient fossil fuel su____y *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
173. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
174. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
175. 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
176. wi_____aw \$500 from my account *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
177. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
178. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
179. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
180. a g__m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

ANSWERS: 171. crab, 172. subsidy, 173. injustice, 174. astonishing, 175. economy, 176. withdraw, 177. rank, 178. compete, 179. soar, 180. grim

181. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
182. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
183. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
184. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
185. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
186. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
187. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
188. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
189. ea_____t attempt *adj.* characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

ANSWERS: 181. unimaginable, 182. narrative, 183. atmosphere, 184. mosquito, 185. plain, 186. dramatic, 187. overfishing, 188. conservation, 189. earnest

190. a prodigious vi___n
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
191. op_____ne occasion
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
192. di_____e backgrounds
adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
193. pr_____ge of membership
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
194. in___t capital
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
195. tragedy wr_____t by hurricane
adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
196. an ag__e mind
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
197. re_____on by community
n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign
198. re_____e my thoughts
v. to change the form or structure of something
199. soil con_____ion
n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

ANSWERS: 190. vision, 191. opportune, 192. diverse, 193. privilege, 194. invest, 195. wrought, 196. agile, 197. rejection, 198. reshape, 199. conservation

200. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
201. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
202. emotional li_____ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
203. a fl__t horse *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
204. drive farther af___d *adv.* far away from home; in a field or rural area, often used in the context of hunting or gathering wild plants
205. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
206. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
207. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

ANSWERS: 200. transformation, 201. poison, 202. lifeline, 203. fleet, 204. afield, 205. governance, 206. resilient, 207. pollution

208. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
209. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
210. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
211. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
212. po____n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
213. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
214. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
215. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
216. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 208. destructive, 209. initial, 210. reshape, 211. biology, 212. poison, 213. academic, 214. vast, 215. abundance, 216. deplete

217. fi____y management *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
218. a ca____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
219. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
220. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
221. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
222. an am____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
223. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
224. unn_____ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
225. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 217. fishery, 218. catalyst, 219. permanent, 220. propel, 221. grotesque, 222. ambition, 223. movement, 224. unnecessary, 225. opportune

226. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
227. wi_____aw from public life *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
228. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
229. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
230. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
231. re_____sh my spirit *v.* to fill something that had previously been emptied
232. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
233. 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
234. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
235. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
236. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

ANSWERS: 226. principle, 227. withdraw, 228. apparent, 229. astonished, 230. industrial, 231. replenish, 232. abstract, 233. frame, 234. pollution, 235. improvisation, 236. spark

237. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
238. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
239. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
240. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
241. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
242. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
243. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
244. li_____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
245. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
246. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 237. emergency, 238. conversation, 239. catastrophic, 240. mangrove, 241. threaten, 242. compete, 243. spark, 244. lifeline, 245. appeal, 246. recommend

247. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
248. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
249. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
250. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
251. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
252. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
253. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
254. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
255. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
256. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 247. prioritize, 248. reject, 249. grandchild, 250. abstract, 251. austerity, 252. develop, 253. norm, 254. conversation, 255. eliminate, 256. unfold

257. unn_____ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
258. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
259. 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
260. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
261. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
262. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
263. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
264. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
265. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 257. unnecessary, 258. core, 259. economy, 260. poorest, 261. urgently, 262. unimaginable, 263. destruction, 264. diverse, 265. chase

266. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
267. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
268. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
269. principles of sus____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
270. make a pr__t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
271. mo____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
272. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
273. str____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
274. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
275. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

ANSWERS: 266. poach, 267. reap, 268. despair, 269. sustainable, 270. profit, 271. mosquito, 272. communal, 273. strengthen, 274. strategy, 275. soar

276. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
277. beginning of the ind____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
278. r__p the benefits *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
279. a dr____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
280. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
281. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
282. 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
283. television eva____st *n.* a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching
284. con____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
285. ind____ate violence *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

ANSWERS: 276. strategy, 277. industrial, 278. reap, 279. dramatic, 280. boost, 281. spur, 282. explore, 283. evangelist, 284. confidence, 285. indiscriminate

286. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
287. a truly hum_____ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
288. blink in ast_____ent *n.* a feeling of very great surprise
289. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
290. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
291. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
292. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
293. technical mi_____er *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
294. hum_____ian crisis *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
295. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
296. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

ANSWERS: 286. recognition, 287. humanitarian, 288. astonishment, 289. sight, 290. vast, 291. hop, 292. devastating, 293. misnomer, 294. humanitarian, 295. astonished, 296. initial

297. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
298. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
299. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
300. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
301. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
302. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
303. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
304. co__l island *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
305. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
306. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
307. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
308. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 297. entirely, 298. critic, 299. despair, 300. survival, 301. revolution, 302. ambition, 303. astonishing, 304. coral, 305. hop, 306. marine, 307. norm, 308. vision

309. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
310. co_____ne erosion *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
311. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
312. stream aci_____ion *n.* the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid
313. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
314. sta_____ng number *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
315. 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
316. a sta_____ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
317. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
318. ra_____us appetite *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
319. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
320. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 309. empower, 310. coastline, 311. conservationist, 312. acidification, 313. improvisation, 314. staggering, 315. democracy, 316. staggering, 317. grim, 318. rapacious, 319. accelerate, 320. atmosphere

321. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
322. 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
323. 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;
324. venomous oc____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
325. travel af____d *adv.* far away from home; in a field or rural area, often used in the context of hunting or gathering wild plants
326. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
327. cl____e of a road *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
328. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
329. a hut made tem____ly *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
330. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
331. in____e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

ANSWERS: 321. collapse, 322. frame, 323. paradox, 324. octopus, 325. afield, 326. reward, 327. closure, 328. profit, 329. temporarily, 330. nowhere, 331. invoke

332. a cold cl_____e
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
333. ra_____us behavior
adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
334. c__e business activity
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
335. barrier r__f
n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
336. economic au_____ty
n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
337. ou___w cloning of human cells
v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
338. s__ls retentive of moisture
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
339. ext_____on prevention
n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
340. in_____ce system
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
341. bo__t flexibility
v. to improve, raise, or increase something
342. brink of ext_____on
n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
343. human ali_____on
n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

ANSWERS: 332. climate, 333. rapacious, 334. core, 335. reef, 336. austerity, 337. outlaw, 338. soil, 339. extinction, 340. injustice, 341. boost, 342. extinction, 343. alienation

344. public school cl_____es *n.* the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently
345. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
346. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
347. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
348. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
349. sc_____le solution *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
350. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
351. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
352. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
353. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 344. closure, 345. survival, 346. opt, 347. government, 348. opt, 349. scalable, 350. catalyst, 351. strengthen, 352. cooperation, 353. reimagine

354. tr__l for fish
- v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
355. overseas mi_____on
- n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
356. po__h deer
- v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
357. in___e the right to remain silent
- v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
358. cr___s management
- n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
359. a hard and re_____nt steel
- adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
360. pri_____ze tasks
- v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 354. trawl, 355. migration, 356. poach, 357. invoke, 358. crisis, 359. resilient, 360. prioritize

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage
2. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
3. 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;
4. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
5. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
6. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.
n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
7. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
8. The company decided to _____ its proposal due to public opposition.
v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

ANSWERS: 1. devastating, 2. grandchild, 3. paradox, 4. sights, 5. survival, 6. conservation, 7. profit, 8. withdraw

9. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

10. My best friend has been my _____ throughout all of my hardships.

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

11. We _____ taking media training every six months.

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

12. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

13. His body rejected the liver of the _____.

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

14. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

15. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

16. His proposals were met with _____.

n. the act of refusing to accept, use, or consider someone or something; in medicine, an immunological response that refuses to accept substances or organisms that are recognized as foreign

ANSWERS: 9. resilient, 10. lifeline, 11. recommend, 12. revolution, 13. donor, 14. vast, 15. grotesque, 16. rejection

17. The amount of money required was _____.

adj. so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

18. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

19. The new resort was built along the _____ offering stunning ocean views from every room.

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

20. 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

21. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

22. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

23. He won an award for his photographs of the ruins _____ by the war.

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

24. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

ANSWERS: 17. staggering, 18. principle, 19. coastline, 20. explore, 21. destructive, 22. crisis, 23. wrought, 24. permanent

25. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
26. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
- adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
27. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
- adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
28. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
29. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
30. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
- v.* to change the form or structure of something
31. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
32. The company's _____ product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.
- n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

ANSWERS: 25. atmosphere, 26. abstract, 27. initial, 28. develop, 29. rank, 30. reshaped, 31. dimensions, 32. mainstay

33. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
34. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
- n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
35. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
36. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
37. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
38. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
- n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
39. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
40. He _____ a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.
- v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

ANSWERS: 33. threatening, 34. injustice, 35. invest, 36. improvisation, 37. reversed, 38. blessing, 39. ambition, 40. reaped

41. She _____ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.
- v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness
42. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
- adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
43. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
44. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
- n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
45. 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
46. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
47. The magician's performance _____ the audience.
- v.* to captivate or fascinate; to hold the complete attention of

ANSWERS: 41. squeezed, 42. agile, 43. poison, 44. abundance, 45. economy, 46. destruction, 47. mesmerized

48. He experienced nausea after eating live _____.

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

49. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

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

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

51. They ventured _____ in search of a rare species of bird.

adv. far away from home; in a field or rural area, often used in the context of hunting or gathering wild plants

52. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

53. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

54. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

55. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 48. octopus, 49. remarkable, 50. soared, 51. afield, 52. fishery, 53. outlaw, 54. refuge, 55. despair

56. The religious _____ traveled the world, spreading the gospel and winning converts.

n. a person who seeks to convert others to their religious beliefs, especially through public preaching

57. I decided to ___ for premature retirement.

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

58. He left his wife an _____ fortune.

adj. extremely large or great

59. The jacket is _____ so that you can wear it with the fur lining on the outside or the inside.

adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone

60. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

61. The ___ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

62. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

63. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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

ANSWERS: 56. evangelist, 57. opt, 58. immense, 59. reversible, 60. extinction, 61. mud, 62. opportune, 63. rejected

64. _____ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.
adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
65. The name "killer whale" is a _____ as they rarely attack humans.
n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
66. The government provided a considerable _____ to the company.
n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
67. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
68. The _____ spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.
adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
69. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
70. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
71. The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by _____ causing many species to become endangered.
n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

ANSWERS: 64. Tropical, 65. misnomer, 66. subsidy, 67. strategy, 68. indiscriminate, 69. transformations, 70. reliable, 71. overfishing,

72. Please _____ my glass with some more wine.

v. to fill something that had previously been emptied

73. I need to send this email _____.

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

74. The organization is dedicated to providing _____ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

75. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

76. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.

n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

77. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

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

78. His feelings of _____ from society led to depression.

n. the state of being isolated or detached from one's social, emotional, or political environment

79. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 72. replenish, 73. urgently, 74. humanitarian, 75. tackle, 76. governance, 77. boom, 78. alienation, 79. academic

80. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

81. Ocean _____ leads to a decrease in tiny sea snails.

n. the act or process of becoming acid or making something become acid

82. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

83. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

84. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

85. The _____ CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

86. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

87. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

88. The president declared a state of _____.

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

ANSWERS: 80. viral, 81. acidification, 82. cores, 83. eliminate, 84. overwhelming, 85. rapacious, 86. Communal, 87. diverse, 88. emergency

89. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

90. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

91. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

92. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

93. The company announced a quarterly _____ of \$0.50 per share.

n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves

94. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

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

95. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

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

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

ANSWERS: 89. apparent, 90. prioritized, 91. relations, 92. sparked, 93. dividend, 94. confidence, 95. extreme, 96. stake

97. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
98. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
99. The _____ arrived in port the following day.
n. a ship or large boat
100. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
101. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.
n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
102. The company's new software is highly _____ allowing it to handle increasing number of users.
adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
103. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
104. The essence of economics is to _____ the allocation of limited resources.
v. to make the best or most effective use of something

ANSWERS: 97. Soil, 98. balance, 99. vessel, 100. vision, 101. fleet, 102. scalable, 103. pollution, 104. optimize

105. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.
- n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
106. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.
- n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
107. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
108. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
109. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
110. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
111. The fisherman used a net to _____ the bottom of the river for his catch.
- v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
112. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
- n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 105. nutrition, 106. conservationists, 107. empowered, 108. norms, 109. strengthen, 110. recovering, 111. trawl, 112. mangrove

113. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
- n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
114. 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.
115. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
116. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
117. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
118. The team _____ players from different countries.
- v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
119. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
- v.* to build again or anew
120. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.
- n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
121. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
- n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

ANSWERS: 113. mosquitos, 114. cooperation, 115. rewards, 116. ancestor, 117. vulnerable, 118. comprises, 119. rebuild, 120. crab, 121. horror

122. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
123. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
124. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
125. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
126. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size _____.
adv. for a limited time only or not permanently
127. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
128. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
129. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 122. astonishing, 123. magic, 124. Industrial, 125. conversation, 126. temporarily, 127. hopped, 128. compete, 129. chased

130. Many people enjoy grilled _____ as a delicious and healthy meal option.
n. a type of saltwater fish commonly eaten as food, known for its oily flesh and distinctively striped appearance
131. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.
adj. extremely surprised and upset
132. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
133. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.
adj. not needed or required; not essential or important
134. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
135. 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
136. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
137. Our company's business _____ for next year is bright.
n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

ANSWERS: 130. mackerel, 131. astonished, 132. villagers, 133. unnecessary, 134. biology, 135. government, 136. collapsed, 137. outlook

138. They stood rooted in _____ for a while.

n. a feeling of very great surprise

139. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

140. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

141. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

142. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

143. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

144. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

adj. having the least wealth or resources

145. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.

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

ANSWERS: 138. astonishment, 139. movement, 140. poached, 141. unimaginable, 142. nowhere, 143. planet, 144. poorest, 145. accelerate

146. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

147. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

148. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

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

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

150. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

151. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

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

152. The government's _____ measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

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

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

ANSWERS: 146. sustainable, 147. recognition, 148. boost, 149. narrative, 150. poverty, 151. dramatic, 152. austerity, 153. spur

154. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.

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

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

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

156. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

157. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

158. He spoke in an _____ tone, expressing his genuine concern for the safety of everyone involved.

adj. characterized by sincere and severe conviction or effort; showing a deep and a genuine sense of purpose or commitment

159. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

160. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

161. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

ANSWERS: 154. migration, 155. Climate, 156. catalyst, 157. catastrophic, 158. earnest, 159. capitalize, 160. plain, 161. marine

162. 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

163. Ecuador is on the _____.

- n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

164. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

165. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

- v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

166. 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

167. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

- n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

168. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.

- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

169. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.

- v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 162. frame, 163. equator, 164. critics, 165. invoked, 166. achieve, 167. restriction, 168. reimagine, 169. unfolded

170. They regretted the _____ of their restaurant.

n. the situation that a company, organization, etc. has ceased operations permanently

171. The company's _____ sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.

adj. extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

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

adv. completely

173. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

174. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

175. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

176. _____ 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

177. The vessel ran aground on a _____.

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

ANSWERS: 170. closure, 171. abysmal, 172. entirely, 173. propel, 174. grim, 175. deplete, 176. Democracy, 177. reef

178. She is wearing a _____ necklace.

- n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

179. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

180. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

- n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 178. coral, 179. privilege, 180. appeal