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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### capitalism

*n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

*synonym*: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

**Capitalism** also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

### span

*n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

*synonym*: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

### grab

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym*: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## 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.

## economics

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

*synonym*: social science, finance, business

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

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

## profession

*n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

*synonym*: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

## neo-liberal

*adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation

*synonym*: free-market, laissez-faire, capitalist

(1) **neo-liberal** economic model, (2) **neo-liberal** ideology

The government's **neo-liberal** policies prioritize free-market capitalism over social welfare programs.

## corporation

*n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

*synonym*: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

## billionaire

*n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars

*synonym* : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

(1) Silicon Valley **billionaire**, (2) oil **billionaire**

The self-made **billionaire** donated millions to charity.

## enact

*v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

*synonym* : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

## policy

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

*synonym* : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

## regulate

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

*synonym* : control, restrain, handle

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

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

## wage

*n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

*synonym* : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

## economical

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

*synonym* : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

## warn

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym*: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan  
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## government

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

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding  
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## regulation

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

*synonym*: constraint, restriction, rule

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

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

## inefficient

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

*synonym*: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

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

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

## consequence

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

*synonym*: result, impact, outcome

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

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

## trillion

*n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million  
(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars  
One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

## widen

*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive  
*synonym*: broaden, enlarge, extend  
(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve  
He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

## inequality

*n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;  
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different  
*synonym*: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness  
(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**  
There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

## largely

*adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree  
*synonym*: mainly, chiefly, broadly  
(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue  
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

## struggle

*v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction  
*synonym*: toil, strive, compete  
(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job  
He could not **struggle** against temptation.

## budge

*v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in

something

*synonym* : move, shift, nudge

(1) **budge** an inch, (2) **budge** the shelf

No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't **budge** the heavy couch from its place in the room.

## dislocate

*v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

*synonym* : displace

(1) **dislocate** my shoulder, (2) **dislocate** residents

X-rays revealed that several of his joints were **dislocated**.

## 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.

## dismal

*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

*synonym* : gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

## spite

*n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

*synonym* : malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

## dazzling

*adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting

*synonym* : astonishing, breathtaking, flashy

(1) **dazzling** debut, (2) **dazzling** views

Last night, the team delivered a **dazzling** performance.

## mathematics

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

*synonym* : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

## 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.

## practitioner

*n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

*synonym* : professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

## conclude

*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

*synonym* : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## 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.

## instability

*n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

*synonym*: imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

## backward

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

*synonym*: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

## self-interest

*n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

*synonym*: selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

## promote

*v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

*synonym*: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

## reciprocity

*n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges

*synonym*: mutuality, interchange, exchange

(1) **reciprocity** relationship, (2) **reciprocity** exchange

The policy of **reciprocity** between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.



## competition

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

*synonym*: contest, match, fight

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

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

## prosperity

*n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune

*synonym*: affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

## 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.

## inclusive

*adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

*synonym*: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

## sustain

*v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

*synonym*: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

## modern

*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times  
*synonym* : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society  
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

## thrive

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress  
*synonym* : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure  
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand  
*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**  
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## fundamental

*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected  
*synonym* : basic, essential, entire

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

## assume

*v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance  
*synonym* : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role  
The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

## undergird

*v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system  
*synonym* : support, underpin, reinforce

(1) **undergird** your argument, (2) **undergird** the ship  
A strong foundation of customer satisfaction **undergirds** the

business's success.

## efficient

*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

*synonym*: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

## equilibrium

*n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

*synonym*: balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

## nation

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

*synonym*: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

## freak

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

*synonym*: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

## precious

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

*synonym*: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

## labor

*n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

*synonym*: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

## unemployed

*adj.* not having a job, although able to work

*synonym*: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

## dramatically

*adv.* in a very impressive manner

*synonym*: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

## 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**.

## instance

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

*synonym*: example, sample, illustration

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

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

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym*: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## afford

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

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

## shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

*synonym*: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear  
This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

## comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

*synonym*: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level  
He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

## 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.

## nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

*synonym*: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**  
The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

## negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

*synonym*: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house  
We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

## employer

*n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

*synonym*: boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## giant

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

*synonym*: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

## imbalance

*n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

*synonym*: inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

## essentially

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

*synonym*: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## racket

*n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton

*synonym* : dissonance, noise, paddle

(1) make a **racket**, (2) badminton **racket**

The sound of shelves crashing to the floor created a terrible **racket** in the grocery store.

## pernicious

*adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

*synonym* : harmful, malicious, destructive

(1) **pernicious** effect, (2) **pernicious** disease

The **pernicious** influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.

## homosexual

*adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

*synonym* : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

## relentless

*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

*synonym* : unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

## maximum

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

*synonym* : peak, top, highest

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

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

## plausible

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

*synonym* : probable, conceivable, credible

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

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

## maxim

*n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

*synonym*: adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**

A good **maxim** is never out of season.

## utility

*n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

*synonym*: usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

## grenade

*n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time

*synonym*: bomb, explosive, shrapnel

(1) **grenade** explosion, (2) smoke **grenade**

The soldier threw a **grenade** to destroy the enemy's bunker.

## defend

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

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

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

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

## fellow

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

*synonym*: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

## contrary

*n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

*synonym*: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

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



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

## moral

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## cruel

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

*synonym* : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

## corrosive

*adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

*synonym* : destructive, erosive, caustic

(1) **corrosive** substance, (2) **corrosive** effect

The **corrosive** acid ate away at the metal pipes.

## ambiguous

*adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

*synonym* : unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

## definition

*n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

*synonym*: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

## individual

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

*synonym*: person, being, self

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

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

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## transubstantiate

*v.* to change from one substance to another, especially in a religious context, such as the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ during the Eucharist

*synonym*: transmute, transform, metamorphose

(1) **transubstantiate** matter, (2) **transubstantiate** her innermost thoughts

Catholics believe the bread and wine **transubstantiate** into the body and blood of Christ during mass.

## mere

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

*synonym*: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

## logic

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

or good arguments

*synonym* : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

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

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

## greedy

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

*synonym* : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

## enrich

*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

*synonym* : enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

## shareholder

*n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

*synonym* : stockholder, shareowner, investor

(1) the **shareholder's** meeting, (2) gain **shareholder** approval

Our company is committed to increasing **shareholder** value.

## gospel

*n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred

*synonym* : doctrine, truth, teaching

(1) preach the **gospel**, (2) **gospel** music

The **gospel** of love and forgiveness is central to their religion.

## ideological

*adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

*synonym* : theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

### cornerstone

*n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

*synonym* : foundation, basis, keystone

(1) **cornerstone** of democracy, (2) lay the **cornerstone**  
Effective communication is often considered the **cornerstone** of a successful team.

### buddy

*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

*synonym* : mate, peer, associate

(1) my golf **buddy**, (2) **buddy** movie

He was the first **buddy** in the military training camp.

### virtually

*adv.* almost completely

*synonym* : almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

**Virtually** all the parties signed the contract.

### empirical

*adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

*synonym* : observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

### cooperative

*adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

*synonym* : harmonious, collegial, helpful

(1) **cooperative** savings, (2) fishing **cooperative**

We appreciate your **cooperative** efforts.

### reciprocal

*adj.* given or felt by each toward the other; mutual; corresponding or interchangeable

*synonym* : mutual, complementary, supplemental

(1) have a **reciprocal** respect, (2) **reciprocal** actions  
Their relationship was based on **reciprocal** love and respect for each other.

### intuitive

*adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof  
*synonym*: involuntary, instinctive, innate

(1) **intuitive** eating, (2) **intuitive** judgment  
I had an **intuitive** feeling that I might be pregnant.

### creature

*n.* a living being, especially an animal  
*synonym*: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**  
The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

### inherent

*adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute  
*synonym*: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike  
Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

### superpower

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities  
*synonym*: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader  
The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

### grant

*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody  
*synonym*: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land  
The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

## permit

*v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

*synonym*: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

## virtue

*n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

*synonym*: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

## emphasize

*v.* to give or show particular importance to something

*synonym*: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

## invention

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

*synonym*: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## 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.

## refined

*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

*synonym* : cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar  
She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

## complexity

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

*synonym* : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

## evolutionary

*adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

*synonym* : developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

**Evolutionary** algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

## anthropology

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

## discipline

*n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

*synonym* : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

## **broad**

*adj.* very wide; general

*synonym* : wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

## **stroke**

*n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

*synonym* : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

## **explanation**

*n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

*synonym* : description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

## **emerge**

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

*synonym* : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

## **loop**

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

*synonym* : circle, curl, spiral

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

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



## innovation

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

*synonym* : invention, initiation, creation

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

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

## consume

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

*synonym* : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

## process

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

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

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

## mechanism

*n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

*synonym* : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

## prosperous

*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

*synonym* : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

## define

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

*synonym*: characterize, depict, express

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

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

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym*: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## firm

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

*synonym*: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

## talent

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

*synonym*: endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

## 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**.

## bunch

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

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

## jerk

*v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

*synonym* : wrench, jolt, twitch

(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope

The driver suddenly  **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

## 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.

## equitable

*adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

*synonym* : fair, honest, impartial

(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price

In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable** opportunities to participate in society.

## thumb

*n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger;  
(verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

*synonym* : digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

## jungle

*n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

*synonym* : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

## constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## 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**.

## 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.

## inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

*synonym*: unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

## 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.

## fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

*synonym* : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

## luxury

*n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

*synonym* : extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

## 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.

## grift

*n.* a dishonest scheme or fraud, often involving the theft of money or property

*synonym* : scam, fraud, con

(1) **grift** scheme, (2) social media **grift**

The scam artist used a classic **grift** to trick unsuspecting tourists out of their money.

## contemporary

*adj.* belonging to the same or present time

*synonym* : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

**Contemporary** music has gained different followers from existing music.

## responsible

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

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

## insist

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

*synonym* : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over  
He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

## improve

*v.* to make or become better

*synonym* : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score  
We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

## welfare

*n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

*synonym* : well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

## stakeholder

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

*synonym* : shareholder, interested party

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

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

## 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.

## alike

*adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

*synonym* : similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

## 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.

## sociopath

*n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"

*synonym*: psychopath, antisocial

(1) psychopathic **sociopath**, (2) narcissistic **sociopath**

The psychiatrist recognized signs of **sociopathy** in his patient's behavior.

## physics

*n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

## unchanged

*adj.* not altered, modified, or varied in any way

*synonym*: unaltered, constant

(1) **unchanged** routine, (2) **unchanged** from the previous month

The company's policy remained **unchanged** despite the criticism.

## construct

*v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

*synonym*: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

## 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.

## pseudoscience

*n.* a belief or practice that is presented as scientific but lacks supporting evidence or is contradicted by scientific evidence; a system of beliefs or practices that is not based on scientific principles

*synonym*: quackery, pseudology, false science

(1) **pseudoscience** claims, (2) debunking **pseudoscience**

The idea that certain crystals have healing powers is considered **pseudoscience** by the scientific community.

## function

*n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

## moderator

*n.* a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation

*synonym*: facilitator, mediator, arbitrator

(1) **moderator** role, (2) forum **moderator**

The **moderator** of the panel discussion kept the conversation



on track and orderly.

## nick

*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

*synonym*: incision, dent, indentation

(1) a **nick** on the fender of a car, (2) **nick** on my hand

The interviewer arrived in a **nick** of time.

## discovery

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

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

## Session 2: Spelling

1. in\_\_\_\_\_nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
2. baseless pre\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
3. lu\_\_\_\_y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
4. advance cap\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
5. accounting f\_\_m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
6. m\_\_e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
7. re\_\_\_\_\_te blood sugar levels *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
8. n\_\_k on my hand *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
9. rigid dis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 1. inherent, 2. pretension, 3. luxury, 4. capitalism, 5. firm, 6. mere, 7. regulate, 8. nick, 9. discipline

10. cor\_\_\_\_\_on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
11. per\_\_\_\_\_us disease *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
12. financial cr\_\_\_\_s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
13. political equ\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
14. gr\_\_t scheme *n.* a dishonest scheme or fraud, often involving the theft of money or property
15. health po\_\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
16. in an eq\_\_\_\_\_le manner *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
17. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
18. as\_\_\_\_e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 10. corporation, 11. pernicious, 12. crisis, 13. equilibrium, 14. grift, 15. policy, 16. equitable, 17. discovery, 18. assume

19. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
20. im\_\_\_\_\_e the test score *v.* to make or become better
21. la\_\_\_\_\_y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
22. adopt a re\_\_\_\_\_d attitude *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
23. mat\_\_\_\_\_cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
24. a cr\_\_l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
25. f\_\_m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
26. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
27. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
28. seasonal la\_\_r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 19. magical, 20. improve, 21. largely, 22. refined, 23. mathematics, 24. cruel, 25. firm, 26. economical, 27. economical, 28. labor

29. ne\_\_\_\_\_te the price of the house      *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
30. cultural n\_\_m      *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
31. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
32. sta\_\_\_\_\_er engagement      *n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
33. vi\_\_\_\_\_ly all countries      *adv.* almost completely
34. middle of the ju\_\_\_e      *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
35. na\_\_\_\_\_ve poetry      *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
36. in\_\_\_t on a clear answer      *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
37. oil bil \_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
38. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
39. a precise def\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
40. improve sta\_\_\_\_\_er relations      *n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
41. unintended con\_\_\_\_\_ces      *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 29. negotiate, 30. norm, 31. complexity, 32. stakeholder, 33. virtually, 34. jungle, 35. narrative, 36. insist, 37. billionaire, 38. individual, 39. definition, 40. stakeholder, 41. consequence

42. laws of ph\_\_\_\_s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
43. fishing coo\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
44. 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
45. smoke gr\_\_\_\_e *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
46. illegal em\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
47. an indisputable lo\_\_c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
48. the me\_\_\_\_sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
49. un\_\_\_\_ed from the previous month *adj.* not altered, modified, or varied in any way
50. fun\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 42. physics, 43. cooperative, 44. economy, 45. grenade, 46. employer, 47. logic, 48. mechanism, 49. unchanged, 50. fundamental

51. effects of cl\_\_\_\_\_e change      *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
52. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
53. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women      *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
54. re\_\_\_\_\_te our conduct      *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
55. assignment for the une\_\_\_\_\_ed youth      *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
56. un\_\_\_\_\_rd your argument      *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
57. the exp\_\_\_\_\_on for the failure      *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
58. ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy of religion      *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
59. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory      *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
60. a demonstration in lo\_\_c      *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
61. in\_\_\_\_\_on research      *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 51. climate, 52. government, 53. crucial, 54. regulate, 55. unemployed, 56. undergird, 57. explanation, 58. anthropology, 59. complexity, 60. logic, 61. intuition

62. increase in the minimum w\_\_e                    *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
63. coo\_\_\_\_on with strategic partners                    *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
64. th\_\_\_e in a society                    *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
65. co\_\_\_\_e electricity                    *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
66. ins\_\_\_\_ty in currency markets                    *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
67. a fully in\_\_\_\_ve price                    *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
68. pro\_\_\_\_on choice                    *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
69. in\_\_\_t over and over                    *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
70. attract br\_\_d attention                    *adj.* very wide; general
71. hom\_\_\_\_al marriage                    *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
72. th\_\_b wrestling                    *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

ANSWERS: 62. wage, 63. cooperation, 64. thrive, 65. consume, 66. instability, 67. inclusive, 68. profession, 69. insist, 70. broad, 71. homosexual, 72. thumb



73. act upon a ma\_\_m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
74. rec\_\_\_\_ty exchange *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
75. positive feedback l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
76. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
77. manual la\_\_r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
78. ine\_\_\_\_ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
79. na\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
80. a rock fr\_\_k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
81. algebraic ine\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 73. maxim, 74. reciprocity, 75. loop, 76. moral, 77. labor, 78. inequality, 79. nation, 80. freak, 81. inequality

82. social media gr\_\_t *n.* a dishonest scheme or fraud, often involving the theft of money or property
83. price of pr\_\_\_\_us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
84. ob\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
85. ide\_\_\_\_al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
86. immune fu\_\_\_\_on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
87. under the umbrella of cap\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
88. em\_\_\_\_ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
89. for in\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
90. gr\_\_\_\_y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
91. intraspecific com\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 82. grift, 83. precious, 84. obvious, 85. ideological, 86. function, 87. capitalism, 88. emphasize, 89. instance, 90. greedy, 91. competition

92. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
93. in\_\_\_\_\_ve eating      *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
94. co\_\_\_\_\_in his freedom      *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
95. 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
96. defense me\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
97. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights      *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
98. neo\_\_\_\_\_al economic model      *adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation
99. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class      *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 92. invention, 93. intuitive, 94. constrain, 95. democracy, 96. mechanism, 97. fundamental, 98. neo-liberal, 99. economy

100. 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
101. pro\_\_\_\_\_us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
102. face rel\_\_\_\_\_ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
103. al\_\_e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
104. rec\_\_\_\_\_ty relationship *n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
105. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
106. g\_\_b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
107. nuclear ph\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
108. people who are une\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
109. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
110. talk no\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 100. boom, 101. prosperous, 102. relentless, 103. alike, 104. reciprocity, 105. efficient, 106. grab, 107. physics, 108. unemployed, 109. essentially, 110. nonsense

111. work pe\_\_\_t  
*v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
112. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a dam  
*v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
113. rec\_\_\_\_\_al actions  
*adj.* given or felt by each toward the other; mutual; corresponding or interchangeable
114. 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
115. rel\_\_\_\_\_ss attack  
*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
116. da\_\_\_\_\_ng debut  
*adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
117. en\_\_\_h public services  
*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
118. ut\_\_\_\_\_y costs  
*n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
119. die in sp\_\_\_e of intensive care  
*n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

ANSWERS: 111. permit, 112. construct, 113. reciprocal, 114. austerity, 115. relentless, 116. dazzling, 117. enrich, 118. utility, 119. spite

120. walk ba\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
121. en\_\_t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
122. a cold cl\_\_\_\_e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
123. the clear co\_\_\_\_ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
124. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
125. co\_\_\_\_ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
126. a scientific di\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
127. reg\_\_\_\_on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
128. mo\_\_l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
129. a br\_\_d mind *adj.* very wide; general
130. many tr\_\_\_\_ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
131. a private ind\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 120. backward, 121. enact, 122. climate, 123. contrary, 124. grab, 125. contrary, 126. discovery, 127. regulation, 128. moral, 129. broad, 130. trillion, 131. individual

132. tr\_\_\_\_\_on cubic feet      *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
133. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a better relationship      *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
134. a bu\_\_h of trees      *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
135. pre-mo\_\_\_n agricultural society      *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
136. break dis\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
137. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment      *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
138. la\_\_\_\_\_y mitigate the issue      *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
139. an eq\_\_\_\_\_le price      *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
140. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt use      *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
141. a company reg\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
142. ra\_\_\_\_\_us appetite      *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

ANSWERS: 132. trillion, 133. promote, 134. bunch, 135. modern, 136. discipline, 137. principle, 138. largely, 139. equitable, 140. inefficient, 141. regulation, 142. rapacious

143. de\_\_\_d my country      *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
144. en\_\_\_h a gas with a balloon      *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
145. my golf bu\_\_\_y      *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
146. material sel\_\_\_\_\_est      *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
147. em\_\_\_\_\_ze a direct relationship      *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
148. ef\_\_\_\_\_nt operation      *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
149. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service      *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
150. an ac\_\_\_\_\_ic discussion      *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
151. da\_\_\_\_\_ng views      *adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
152. gr\_\_t a land      *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
153. coo\_\_\_\_\_ve savings      *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

ANSWERS: 143. defend, 144. enrich, 145. buddy, 146. self-interest, 147. emphasize, 148. efficient, 149. responsible, 150. academic, 151. dazzling, 152. grant, 153. cooperative



154. bear sp\_\_e against him      *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
155. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business      *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
156. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
157. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process      *v.* to make or become better
158. wi\_\_n in excitement      *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
159. gr\_\_t a new license      *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
160. st\_\_\_\_\_le to get the job      *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
161. a flight of fa\_\_y      *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
162. pr\_\_\_\_\_us information      *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
163. 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

ANSWERS: 154. spite, 155. principle, 156. communal, 157. improve, 158. widen, 159. grant, 160. struggle, 161. fancy, 162. precious, 163. develop

164. th\_\_b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
165. cr\_\_\_\_re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
166. Silicon Valley bil\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
167. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
168. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
169. gr\_\_\_y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
170. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
171. co\_\_\_\_t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
172. bu\_\_e an inch *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
173. he confessed dra\_\_\_\_lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
174. fa\_\_y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 164. thumb, 165. creature, 166. billionaire, 167. process, 168. modern, 169. greedy, 170. giant, 171. comfort, 172. budge, 173. dramatically, 174. fancy

175. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
176. foreign po\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
177. junior fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
178. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
179. bu\_\_y movie *n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team
180. ne\_\_\_\_\_te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
181. ju\_\_\_e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
182. pro\_\_\_\_\_us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
183. principles of sus\_\_\_\_\_le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
184. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 175. bunch, 176. policy, 177. fellow, 178. intuition, 179. buddy, 180. negotiate, 181. jungle, 182. prosperous, 183. sustainable, 184. consequence

185. ra\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
186. words of co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
187. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
188. the ma\_\_\_\_\_m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
189. lay the cor\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
190. per\_\_\_\_\_us effect *adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way
191. cor\_\_\_\_\_ne of democracy *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
192. a n\_\_k on the fender of a car *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
193. the evo\_\_\_\_\_ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
194. co\_\_\_\_\_ve substance *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

ANSWERS: 185. rapacious, 186. comfort, 187. pretension, 188. maximum, 189. cornerstone, 190. pernicious, 191. cornerstone, 192. nick, 193. evolutionary, 194. corrosive

195. em\_\_\_\_\_al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
196. pr\_\_\_\_\_e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
197. ine\_\_\_\_\_ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
198. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
199. in\_\_\_\_\_ve judgment *adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof
200. make a ra\_\_\_\_t *n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
201. sh\_\_\_\_k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
202. social ant\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
203. mo\_\_\_\_\_or role *n.* a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation

ANSWERS: 195. empirical, 196. promote, 197. inevitably, 198. government, 199. intuitive, 200. racket, 201. shrink, 202. anthropology, 203. moderator

204. common in _____ on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
205. cutting-edge inn _____ on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
206. th ___ e on pressure	<i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
207. em _____ al research	<i>adj.</i> based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
208. develop a st _____ gy	<i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
209. ba _____ rd angle	<i>adv.</i> at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
210. b __ m in sales	<i>n.</i> a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
211. clarify am _____ us points	<i>adj.</i> open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
212. di ___ l performance	<i>adj.</i> depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
213. co _____ de that he is healthy	<i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
214. tra _____ ate matter	<i>v.</i> to change from one substance to another, especially in a religious context, such as the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ during the Eucharist

ANSWERS: 204. invention, 205. innovation, 206. thrive, 207. empirical, 208. strategy, 209. backward, 210. boom, 211. ambiguous, 212. dismal, 213. conclude, 214. transubstantiate

215. symptoms of hormonal im\_\_\_\_\_ce     *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
216. go\_\_\_l music     *n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred
217. di\_\_\_l failure     *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
218. em\_\_\_e from poverty     *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
219. j\_\_k the rope     *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
220. the cabin pressure fell dra\_\_\_\_\_lly     *adv.* in a very impressive manner
221. psychopathic so\_\_\_\_\_th     *n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
222. en\_\_t new legislation     *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
223. ac\_\_\_\_\_ic probation     *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
224. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement     *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 215. imbalance, 216. gospel, 217. dismal, 218. emerge, 219. jerk, 220. dramatically, 221. sociopath, 222. enact, 223. academic, 224. process

225. fr\_\_k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
226. vi\_\_\_\_\_ly identical *adv.* almost completely
227. ma\_\_\_\_\_m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
228. notable in\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
229. hom\_\_\_\_\_al rights *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
230. forum mo\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation
231. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
232. pra\_\_\_\_\_ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
233. m\_\_e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
234. welfare ec\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
235. the first round of the com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
236. fu\_\_\_\_\_on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose



ANSWERS: 225. freak, 226. virtually, 227. maximum, 228. instance, 229. homosexual, 230. moderator, 231. suddenly, 232. practitioner, 233. mere, 234. economics, 235. competition, 236. function

237. pe\_\_\_t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
238. artificial cr\_\_\_\_re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
239. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
240. inn\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
241. exit from a l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
242. personal na\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
243. raw ta\_\_\_t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
244. a public cor\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
245. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
246. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
247. 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

ANSWERS: 237. permit, 238. creature, 239. construct, 240. innovation, 241. loop, 242. narrative, 243. talent, 244. corporation, 245. conclude, 246. crucial, 247. democracy

248. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
249. ecology and evo\_\_\_\_\_ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
250. a we\_\_\_\_\_e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
251. ide\_\_\_\_\_al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
252. gr\_\_\_\_\_e explosion *n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
253. di\_\_\_\_\_te my shoulder *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
254. pl\_\_\_\_\_le explanation *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
255. af\_\_\_\_d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
256. sus\_\_\_\_\_le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
257. the sha\_\_\_\_\_er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
258. suffer st\_\_\_\_e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

ANSWERS: 248. psychology, 249. evolutionary, 250. welfare, 251. ideological, 252. grenade, 253. dislocate, 254. plausible, 255. afford, 256. sustainable, 257. shareholder, 258. stroke

259. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
260. the average life s\_\_n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
261. un\_\_\_\_\_ed routine *adj.* not altered, modified, or varied in any way
262. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
263. neo\_\_\_\_\_al ideology *adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation
264. tra\_\_\_\_\_ate her innermost thoughts *v.* to change from one substance to another, especially in a religious context, such as the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ during the Eucharist
265. detailed exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
266. bu\_\_e the shelf *v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
267. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

ANSWERS: 259. responsible, 260. span, 261. unchanged, 262. psychology, 263. neo-liberal, 264. transubstantiate, 265. explanation, 266. budge, 267. constrain

268. the def\_\_\_\_\_on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
269. healthcare pro\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
270. as\_\_\_e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
271. w\_\_ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
272. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
273. cr\_\_l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
274. am\_\_\_\_\_us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
275. wi\_\_n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
276. old ma\_\_m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
277. a person of diverse ta\_\_\_ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
278. get into the lu\_\_\_y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

ANSWERS: 268. definition, 269. profession, 270. assume, 271. warn, 272. emerge, 273. cruel, 274. ambiguous, 275. widen, 276. maxim, 277. talent, 278. luxury

279. preach the go\_\_\_l *n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred
280. gain sha\_\_\_\_\_er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
281. have an in\_\_\_\_\_nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
282. political ins\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
283. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
284. unaffected by sel\_\_\_\_\_est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
285. po\_\_\_\_\_y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
286. military st\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
287. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
288. a pl\_\_\_\_\_le liar *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
289. pro\_\_\_\_\_ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
290. thoroughgoing coo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

ANSWERS: 279. gospel, 280. shareholder, 281. inherent, 282. instability, 283. norm, 284. self-interest, 285. poverty, 286. strategy, 287. nation, 288. plausible, 289. prosperity, 290. cooperation

291. a good grounding in mat\_\_\_\_\_cs      *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
292. the s\_\_n of a bird's wings      *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
293. child we\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
294. die su\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
295. ec\_\_\_\_\_cs professor      *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
296. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place      *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
297. a st\_\_\_e of the putter      *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
298. pse\_\_\_\_\_nce claims      *n.* a belief or practice that is presented as scientific but lacks supporting evidence or is contradicted by scientific evidence; a system of beliefs or practices that is not based on scientific principles
299. cr\_\_\_s management      *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
300. marginal ut\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

ANSWERS: 291. mathematics, 292. span, 293. welfare, 294. suddenly, 295. economics, 296. magical, 297. stroke, 298. pseudoscience, 299. crisis, 300. utility

301. nice fe\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
302. in\_\_\_\_\_ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
303. trade im\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
304. economic pro\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
305. young and old al\_\_e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
306. equ\_\_\_\_\_um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
307. badminton ra\_\_\_t *n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
308. de\_\_\_e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
309. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
310. sheer no\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
311. a lot of re\_\_\_\_\_d sugar *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

ANSWERS: 301. fellow, 302. inclusive, 303. imbalance, 304. prosperity, 305. alike, 306. equilibrium, 307. racket, 308. define, 309. essentially, 310. nonsense, 311. refined



312. field of con\_\_\_\_\_ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
313. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
314. con\_\_\_\_\_ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
315. sh\_\_\_k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
316. un\_\_\_\_\_rd the ship *v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
317. di\_\_\_\_\_te residents *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
318. sup\_\_\_\_\_er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
319. narcissistic so\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
320. have a rec\_\_\_\_\_al respect *adj.* given or felt by each toward the other; mutual; corresponding or interchangeable
321. unpaid w\_\_es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 312. contemporary, 313. giant, 314. contemporary, 315. shrink, 316. undergird, 317. dislocate, 318. superpower, 319. sociopath, 320. reciprocal, 321. wage

322. 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
323. st\_\_\_\_le against discrimination v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
324. debunking pse\_\_\_\_\_nce n. a belief or practice that is presented as scientific but lacks supporting evidence or is contradicted by scientific evidence; a system of beliefs or practices that is not based on scientific principles
325. 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
326. su\_\_\_\_\_n a wellness lifestyle v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
327. su\_\_\_\_\_n a good relationship with him v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
328. de\_\_\_e my position v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
329. w\_\_n a reckless driver v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 322. develop, 323. struggle, 324. pseudoscience, 325. austerity, 326. sustain, 327. sustain, 328. define, 329. warn

330. co\_\_\_\_\_e a large of alcohol      *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
331. de\_\_\_d against a threat      *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
332. sup\_\_\_\_\_er leader      *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
333. the cycle of po\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
334. ine\_\_\_\_\_nt management      *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
335. acquire a vi\_\_\_e      *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
336. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
337. ine\_\_\_\_\_ly reach the consumer      *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
338. em\_\_\_\_\_er responsibility      *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
339. co\_\_\_\_\_ve effect      *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
340. j\_\_k her head back      *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

ANSWERS: 330. consume, 331. defend, 332. superpower, 333. poverty, 334. inefficient, 335. virtue, 336. communal, 337. inevitably, 338. employer, 339. corrosive, 340. jerk

341. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
342. af\_\_\_d to buy a new car      *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
343. vi\_\_\_e of frugality      *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
344. pra\_\_\_\_\_ner of Buddhism      *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

ANSWERS: 341. obvious, 342. afford, 343. virtue, 344. practitioner

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ music has gained different followers from existing music.  
*adj.* belonging to the same or present time
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.  
*n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
3. An \_\_\_\_\_ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.  
*n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.  
*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
5. Reading not only increases knowledge but also \_\_\_\_\_ life.  
*v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
6. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
7. 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
8. We cannot afford to squander \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

ANSWERS: 1. Contemporary, 2. employer's, 3. imbalance, 4. Essentially, 5. enriches, 6. individual, 7. economy, 8. precious

9. I had an \_\_\_\_\_ feeling that I might be pregnant.

*adj.* obtained through feelings rather than facts or proof

10. 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

11. 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.

12. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior led him to steal from the company.

*adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

13. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

14. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?

*v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

15. His \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise as his skills improved.

*n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

16. The following \_\_\_\_\_ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

*n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

ANSWERS: 9. intuitive, 10. austerity, 11. cooperation, 12. greedy, 13. complexity, 14. grab, 15. wages, 16. explanation

17. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
18. He cannot \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
19. The law was repealed to protect the rights of \_\_\_\_\_ citizens.
- adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
20. He accumulated wealth across a \_\_\_\_\_ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general
21. The vegetarian burger was an \_\_\_\_\_ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
22. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ acting in such an important role.
- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
23. The company's policy remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite the criticism.
- adj.* not altered, modified, or varied in any way
24. He could not \_\_\_\_\_ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 17. function, 18. afford, 19. homosexual, 20. broad, 21. innovation, 22. fancy, 23. unchanged, 24. struggle

25. 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
26. She is a \_\_\_\_\_ of traditional Chinese medicine.  
*n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
27. Numerous great professional sports \_\_\_\_\_ have come from this city.  
*n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
28. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
29. The government should do more to \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable agribusiness.  
*v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
30. Parallel lines are, by \_\_\_\_\_ lines on the same plane that never cross.  
*n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
31. The company decided to invest in a \_\_\_\_\_ industry.  
*adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
32. The \_\_\_\_\_ influence of the corrupt officials had a detrimental effect on the town.  
*adj.* causing harm or destruction, often in a subtle or gradual way

ANSWERS: 25. government, 26. practitioner, 27. talents, 28. discovery, 29. promote, 30. definition, 31. prosperous, 32. pernicious



33. The policy of \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.
- n.* a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
34. Four companies were amalgamated into a single \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
35. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the heavy couch from its place in the room.
- v.* to move or shift slightly, particularly with effort or resistance; to make or cause a slight change in something
36. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
37. A good \_\_\_\_\_ is never out of season.
- n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
38. The teacher will not \_\_\_\_\_ any students to leave the classroom early.
- v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
39. The following example \_\_\_\_\_ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 33. reciprocity, 34. corporation, 35. budge, 36. intuitions, 37. maxim, 38. permit, 39. assumes

40. She was highly \_\_\_\_\_ in her choice of apparel.

*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

41. He lost the election by \_\_\_\_\_ votes.

*adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

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

43. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat \_\_\_\_\_ cases.

*n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

44. He has a flair for \_\_\_\_\_.

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

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

46. The system is still so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is useless.

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

47. Our company is committed to increasing \_\_\_\_\_ value.

*n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

ANSWERS: 40. refined, 41. mere, 42. rapacious, 43. stroke, 44. mathematics, 45. giant, 46. inefficient, 47. shareholder

48. \_\_\_\_\_ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.  
*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
49. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.  
*adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
50. He \_\_\_\_\_ his investigation into a medical clinic.  
*v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
51. To advance this discussion, we must \_\_\_\_\_ "success" rigorously.  
*v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
52. The driver suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.  
*v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
53. He used his right \_\_\_\_\_ to press the button on his phone.  
*n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
54. She struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ the children's reading habits.  
*v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
55. In several countries, child \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious social problem.  
*n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 48. Climate, 49. Communal, 50. widened, 51. define, 52. jerked, 53. thumb, 54. sustain, 55. labor

56. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
- v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
57. Last night, the team delivered a \_\_\_\_\_ performance.
- adj.* shining brightly; highly attractive or exciting
58. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the panel discussion kept the conversation on track and orderly.
- n.* a person or thing that moderates or regulates something, such as a discussion or forum; a device or mechanism that controls or regulates the speed, temperature, or other variables of a process or operation
59. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
60. \_\_\_\_\_ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
- adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
61. The organization held \_\_\_\_\_ consultations to gather input on the project.
- n.* a person or group that has an interest or concern in something, especially a business
62. The \_\_\_\_\_ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 56. constrained, 57. dazzling, 58. moderator, 59. consume, 60. Evolutionary, 61. stakeholder, 62. firm

63. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

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

64. The dictator was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ and oppressive regime.

*adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

65. Use italics or capitals to \_\_\_\_\_ a word in a piece of writing.

*v.* to give or show particular importance to something

66. He quickly learned the military \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

67. 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

68. The company struggled to maintain an \_\_\_\_\_ between its profits and social responsibilities.

*n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

69. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

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

70. The company's new \_\_\_\_\_ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

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

ANSWERS: 63. fundamental, 64. cruel, 65. emphasize, 66. discipline, 67. narrative, 68. equilibrium, 69. bunch, 70. policy

71. The self-made \_\_\_\_\_ donated millions to charity.  
*n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
72. He slightly modified the \_\_\_\_\_ of training because it was just before a match.  
*n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
73. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.  
*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
74. This war shattered dreams of peace and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
75. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.  
*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
76. The chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ him the right to speak.  
*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
77. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
78. He discovered unique \_\_\_\_\_ for photochemical reactions.  
*n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
79. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its \_\_\_\_\_ policy.  
*adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 71. billionaire, 72. span, 73. suddenly, 74. prosperity, 75. pretensions, 76. granted, 77. instability, 78. mechanisms, 79. inclusive

80. Life expectancy has grown \_\_\_\_\_ this century.

*adv.* in a very impressive manner

81. He did it out of \_\_\_\_\_ to annoy me.

*n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

82. The \_\_\_\_\_ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

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

83. She falls over \_\_\_\_\_ when she sees her mother-in-law.

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

84. The government's \_\_\_\_\_ policies prioritize free-market capitalism over social welfare programs.

*adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation

85. My father was \_\_\_\_\_ for so long.

*adj.* not having a job, although able to work

86. He \_\_\_\_\_ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

*v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

87. His anti-\_\_\_\_\_ practices were quite strict.

*n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

ANSWERS: 80. dramatically, 81. spite, 82. regulation, 83. backward, 84. neo-liberal, 85. unemployed, 86. constructs, 87. luxury

88. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

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

89. The interviewer arrived in a \_\_\_\_\_ of time.

*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

90. These articles cite five \_\_\_\_\_ of climate change.

*n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

91. She could find no \_\_\_\_\_ explanation for its failure.

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

92. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

93. The instructions provided were \_\_\_\_\_ and confused the team.

*adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

94. Because of his excellent performance, he will \_\_\_\_\_ be promoted.

*adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

95. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ in his description.

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

96. Honesty is an \_\_\_\_\_ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

*adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

ANSWERS: 88. economical, 89. nick, 90. instances, 91. plausible, 92. magical, 93. ambiguous, 94. inevitably, 95. logic, 96. inherent



97. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.

*v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

98. The \_\_\_\_\_ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

99. The scam artist used a classic \_\_\_\_\_ to trick unsuspecting tourists out of their money.

*n.* a dishonest scheme or fraud, often involving the theft of money or property

100. Their relationship was based on \_\_\_\_\_ love and respect for each other.

*adj.* given or felt by each toward the other; mutual; corresponding or interchangeable

101. Without investment, a business cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

102. We are always happy to \_\_\_\_\_ a discount.

*v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

103. The government should do more to support environmentally \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture.

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

104. He was the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the military training camp.

*n.* a close friend; a partner, especially one of a pair or team

105. \_\_\_\_\_ 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

ANSWERS: 97. concluded, 98. freak, 99. grift, 100. reciprocal, 101. thrive, 102. negotiate, 103. sustainable, 104. buddy, 105. Democracy

106. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.

*v.* to make or become better

107. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

108. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.

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

109. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

*n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

110. The areas of \_\_\_\_\_ and psychology are significantly related to one another.

*n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

111. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

*n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

112. Many people in this city use the \_\_\_\_\_ railway for transportation.

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

113. The \_\_\_\_\_ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

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

ANSWERS: 106. improve, 107. obvious, 108. invention, 109. comfort, 110. anthropology, 111. utility, 112. loop, 113. maximum

114. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.  
*adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
115. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
116. A strong foundation of customer satisfaction \_\_\_\_\_ the business's success.  
*v.* to provide support or a foundation for something, often by strengthening or reinforcing a structure or system
117. \_\_\_\_\_ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.  
*n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
118. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
119. The weather was so \_\_\_\_\_ that we decided to stay indoors all day.  
*adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
120. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.  
*adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
121. The government \_\_\_\_\_ this law in 1925.  
*v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 114. modern, 115. norms, 116. undergirds, 117. Capitalism, 118. warn, 119. dismal, 120. responsible, 121. enacted

122. Nevada is \_\_\_\_\_ a desert state.

*adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

123. The idea that certain crystals have healing powers is considered \_\_\_\_\_ by the scientific community.

*n.* a belief or practice that is presented as scientific but lacks supporting evidence or is contradicted by scientific evidence; a system of beliefs or practices that is not based on scientific principles

124. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

125. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

126. The parents spoke to their children in no-\_\_\_\_\_ tones.

*n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

127. He \_\_\_\_\_ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

128. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.

*adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

129. She struggled for years to survive without \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

ANSWERS: 122. largely, 123. pseudoscience, 124. nation, 125. crucial, 126. nonsense, 127. insisted, 128. moral, 129. welfare

130. We must manage to \_\_\_\_\_ our expenditure.  
*v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
131. \_\_\_\_\_ all the parties signed the contract.  
*adv.* almost completely
132. An excellent historian must possess an \_\_\_\_\_ mentality.  
*adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
133. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ training paid off in the end.  
*adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
134. She had many good \_\_\_\_\_ and few faults.  
*n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
135. The book presents an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective on the role of government in society.  
*adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
136. He studied the \_\_\_\_\_ of radiation.  
*n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
137. In a democratic country, governments promote \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities to participate in society.  
*adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
138. The new washing machine is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one.  
*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 130. regulate, 131. Virtually, 132. academic, 133. relentless, 134. virtues, 135. ideological, 136. physics, 137. equitable, 138. efficient

139. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

140. One light year is nearly 6 \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

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

141. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.

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

142. 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

143. The \_\_\_\_\_ acid ate away at the metal pipes.

*adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

144. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.

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

145. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing \_\_\_\_\_.

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

146. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

147. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love and forgiveness is central to their religion.

*n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred

ANSWERS: 139. creature, 140. trillion, 141. principle, 142. boom, 143. corrosive, 144. consequences, 145. strategy, 146. profession, 147. gospel

148. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

149. This village is still in a dense \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

150. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the \_\_\_\_\_ viewpoint.

*n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

151. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in comic books and movies.

*n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

152. 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

153. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

154. The study's results were based on \_\_\_\_\_ evidence gathered from extensive research.

*adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

ANSWERS: 148. psychology, 149. jungle, 150. contrary, 151. superpower, 152. develop, 153. emerged, 154. empirical

155. Catholics believe the bread and wine \_\_\_\_\_ into the body and blood of Christ during mass.
- v.* to change from one substance to another, especially in a religious context, such as the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ during the Eucharist
156. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
157. The sound of shelves crashing to the floor created a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ in the grocery store.
- n.* a loud and unpleasant noise that is often repeated or sustained over a period of time; a tool or implement used in various leisure activities or sports, such as tennis or badminton
158. The psychiatrist recognized signs of \_\_\_\_\_ in his patient's behavior.
- n.* a person who exhibits a disregard for other people's rights, feelings, and safety; someone who lacks empathy or the ability to understand and share the feelings of others; sometimes used interchangeably with the term "psychopath"
159. The soldier threw a \_\_\_\_\_ to destroy the enemy's bunker.
- n.* a hand-held explosive device designed to be thrown or projected toward a target and detonate upon impact or after a specified time
160. X-rays revealed that several of his joints were \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
161. He is the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who only works for his success.
- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 155. transubstantiate, 156. economics, 157. racket, 158. sociopathy, 159. grenade, 160. dislocated, 161. fellow



162. 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
163. This shirt will \_\_\_\_\_ in the wash.
- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
164. Global \_\_\_\_\_ is rising in virtually every industry.
- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
165. The two paintings looked \_\_\_\_\_ as if the same artist had done them.
- adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
166. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
167. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
168. Many studies have investigated the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
169. Effective communication is often considered the \_\_\_\_\_ of a successful team.
- n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

ANSWERS: 162. crisis, 163. shrink, 164. competition, 165. alike, 166. self-interest, 167. defend, 168. poverty, 169. cornerstone

170. We appreciate your \_\_\_\_\_ efforts.

*adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

171. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

172. There are several causes of economic \_\_\_\_\_ within societies.

*n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 170. cooperative, 171. process, 172. inequality