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Session 1: Word List

obsess

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

synonym: torment, beset, engross

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

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

tremendous

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

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym: active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

commodity

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

synonym: merchandise, goods, entity

(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**

The government announced a policy to control the rise in

commodity prices.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

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.

bark

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

synonym : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon

He removed the **bark** from the tree.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

marine

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

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

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

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

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

biology

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

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

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

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.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building
The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job
Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

damage

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

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment
During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem
The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

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.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym: piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

microplastic

n. tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste

(1) **microplastic** particle, (2) **microplastic** pollution in the sea

Several scholars have pointed out that inhalation of **microplastics** may have adverse effects on the human body.

particle

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

synonym: atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

amorphous

adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless

synonym : formless, shapeless, structureless

(1) **amorphous** amoeba, (2) **amorphous** mass

The clouded jellyfish has an **amorphous** shape, making it difficult to identify.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air

mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

mercury

n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

synonym: quicksilver, hydrargyrum, Hg

(1) **mercury** poisoning, (2) **Mercury** Plan

The **mercury** in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.

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**.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

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**.

verify

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

synonym: affirm, ascertain, confirm

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

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

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym: impatience, restlessness, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

wipe

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

synonym: clean, brush, swab

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

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

straightaway

adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour

synonym : directly, immediately, straight

(1) turn **straightaway**, (2) go **straightaway**

I accelerated **straightaway** to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym : entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

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**.

rag

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

synonym : cloth, fragment

(1) a **rag** of cloud, (2) **rag** doll

He used an old **rag** to clean the grease off the car's engine.

minuscule

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym : tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

collapse

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

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

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

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

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym : bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

grace

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

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

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

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

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

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.

petrochemical

n. a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

synonym: oil-based, chemical-based, refinery product

(1) **petrochemical** complex, (2) **petrochemical** plant

The town's economy relies heavily on the **petrochemical** industry.

landfill

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

synonym: dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites

This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

statistics

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

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

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

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

polymer

n. a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules

(1) **polymer** fiber, (2) biological **polymer**

We are developing plant-derived **polymers** to reduce environmental impact.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym : fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

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.

twig

n. a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual

synonym : branchlet, sprig, osier

(1) **twig** branch, (2) **twig** basket

The bird perched on a **twig** and sang a beautiful melody.

interrogate

v. to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner

synonym : question, examine, probe

(1) **interrogate** an enemy soldier, (2) **interrogated** by police

The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately **interrogate** the witness.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

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.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

depauperate

v. to make thin, weak, or reduced in number; to cause impoverishment or depletion; (noun) of or relating to an ecosystem, area, or environment that is lacking in number and diversity of species

synonym: impoverish, reduce, drain

(1) **depauperate** the soil, (2) **depauperate** environment

Many people living in poverty **depauperate** their diets to make ends meet.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

heap

n. an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

synonym: pile, accumulation, stack

(1) a **heap** of trash, (2) top of the **heap**

A **heap** of old clothes was lying in the room.

resin

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

synonym: sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

spew

v. to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts

synonym: vomit, spout, discharge

(1) **spew** carbon dioxide, (2) **spew** insults

The volcano started to **spew** lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3

percentage points higher than in the previous.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

minimal

adj. tiny in amount; the least possible

synonym : tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

excess

n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

synonym : exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

tackle

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

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

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

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

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym : pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym : ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

handle

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

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

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document;
(finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym: edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

cleanup

n. an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

synonym: tidying up, cleaning, maintenance

(1) **cleanup** crew, (2) roadside **cleanup**

After the party, a massive **cleanup** was needed to restore the house.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

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.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym : open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

accelerate

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

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

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

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

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

dump

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

synonym : throw away, dispose

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

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

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym : waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

depot

n. a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys

synonym : warehouse, storage, station

(1) weapon **depot**, (2) food **depot**

The train **depot** was a hub for commuters and travelers.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

transparency

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

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

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

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

underwrite

v. to assume financial responsibility for something

synonym : insure, guarantee, cover

(1) **underwrite** a loan, (2) **underwrite** an issue of shares

The insurance company decided to **underwrite** the policy for the new building.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

annum

n. a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts

synonym : year, twelve months

(1) salary per **annum**, (2) interest per **annum**

The company reported a profit of \$500,000 per **annum**.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding

conflict

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

compete

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

synonym: contend, contest, vie

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

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

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

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**.

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.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym : desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

regenerative

adj. tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue

synonym : rejuvenating, restorative, healing

(1) **regenerative** medicine, (2) **regenerative** therapy

The **regenerative** properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

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

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

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. inc_____le amount
adj. unbelievable; enormous
3. st___e up a conversation
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
4. ob___s over her weight
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
5. tr_____rm heat into power
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
6. bo_____m relief
n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
7. the longstanding co_____ct
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
8. am_____us amoeba
adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
9. permanent br__n damage
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. incredible, 3. strike, 4. obsess, 5. transform, 6. boredom, 7. conflict, 8. amorphous, 9. brain

10. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
11. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
12. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
13. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
14. int_____ted by police *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
15. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
16. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
17. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
18. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
19. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
20. ma_____n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

ANSWERS: 10. render, 11. cheer, 12. substance, 13. crazy, 14. interrogate, 15. absolutely, 16. entrepreneur, 17. barrier, 18. suddenly, 19. transparency, 20. margin

21. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
22. a r_g of cloud *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
23. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
24. fr_____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
25. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
26. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
27. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
28. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
29. ve___y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
30. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
31. pa_____le energy *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
32. international co_____ty *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

ANSWERS: 21. recycle, 22. rag, 23. environment, 24. fragment, 25. trillion, 26. tremendous, 27. scrap, 28. carve, 29. verify, 30. obvious, 31. particle, 32. commodity

33. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
34. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
35. burning of fo___l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
36. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
37. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
38. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. am_____us mass *adj.* without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
40. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
41. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
42. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
43. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 33. impoverished, 34. obsess, 35. fossil, 36. marine, 37. excuse, 38. opportune, 39. amorphous, 40. biology, 41. trillion, 42. committed, 43. competition

44. an ex___s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
45. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
46. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
47. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
48. lose ex___s weight *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
49. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
50. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
51. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
52. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
53. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
54. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
55. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

ANSWERS: 44. excess, 45. contribute, 46. businessperson, 47. giant, 48. excess, 49. transition, 50. typical, 51. profitable, 52. statistics, 53. discuss, 54. extreme, 55. grace

56. me____y poisoning *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
57. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
58. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
59. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
60. la____ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
61. und_____te an issue of shares *v.* to assume financial responsibility for something
62. 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
63. top of the h__p *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
64. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
65. r_g doll *n.* a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning
66. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 56. mercury, 57. stable, 58. rub, 59. absolute, 60. landfill, 61. underwrite, 62. economical, 63. heap, 64. verify, 65. rag, 66. crazy

67. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
68. 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
69. interest per an__m *n.* a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts
70. reg____ive medicine *adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
71. help ta____e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
72. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
73. curb our cr____gs *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
74. mic____tic pollution in the sea *n.* tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste
75. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
76. an explosive su____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
77. official sta____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 67. suddenly, 68. develop, 69. annum, 70. regenerative, 71. tackle, 72. moving, 73. craving, 74. microplastic, 75. peel, 76. substance, 77. statistics

78. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
79. plant pa_____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
80. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
81. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
82. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
83. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
84. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
85. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
86. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
87. business imp_____ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
88. disposal in a la_____ll *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
89. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
90. mi_____l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

ANSWERS: 78. giant, 79. pathogen, 80. marine, 81. stable, 82. biology, 83. solid, 84. slavery, 85. profitable, 86. fuel, 87. impatience, 88. landfill, 89. transition, 90. minimal

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| 100. fairly ty____l symptoms | <i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things |
| 101. smokeless f__l | <i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy |
| 102. sc__e the birds away | <i>v.</i> to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened |
| 103. de____e this prize | <i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable |
| 104. re_____ze achievement | <i>v.</i> to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered |
| 105. at____t attention | <i>v.</i> to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones |
| 106. vi____n material | <i>n.</i> a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time |
| 107. un____k a door with a key | <i>v.</i> to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key |
| 108. r_b shoulders | <i>v.</i> to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure |
| 109. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 110. a st____ht line | <i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations |
| 111. the ec____y of the island | <i>n.</i> the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment |

ANSWERS: 100. typical, 101. fuel, 102. scare, 103. deserve, 104. recognize, 105. attract, 106. virgin, 107. unlock, 108. rub, 109. industrious, 110. straight, 111. ecology

112. dep_____te the soil *v.* to make thin, weak, or reduced in number; to cause impoverishment or depletion; (noun) of or relating to an ecosystem, area, or environment that is lacking in number and diversity of species
113. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
114. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
115. Me_____y Plan *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
116. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
117. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
118. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
119. tree re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

ANSWERS: 112. depauperate, 113. slight, 114. chain, 115. mercury, 116. consume, 117. margin, 118. philanthropy, 119. resin

120. a broken fr____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
121. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
122. weapon de__t *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
123. imp____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
124. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
125. an eco____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
126. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
127. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
128. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 120. fragment, 121. wealth, 122. depot, 123. impoverished, 124. brand, 125. economical, 126. attract, 127. invest, 128. poverty

129. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
130. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
131. b__k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
132. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
133. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
134. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
135. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
136. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
137. co_____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
138. 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
139. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 129. tremendous, 130. accelerate, 131. bark, 132. absolutely, 133. handle, 134. compete, 135. transparency, 136. tackle, 137. commodity, 138. economy, 139. recycle

140. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
141. cr_____g for revenge *n.* a strong desire of wanting something
142. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
143. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
144. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
145. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
146. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
147. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
148. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
149. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
150. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
151. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 140. electrical, 141. craving, 142. negative, 143. committed, 144. scare, 145. slavery, 146. transform, 147. ugly, 148. ingrained, 149. cheat, 150. solid, 151. contribution

152. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
153. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
154. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
155. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
156. synthetic re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
157. t__g basket *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
158. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
159. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 152. electrical, 153. stick, 154. foundation, 155. poverty, 156. resin, 157. twig, 158. brain, 159. negative

160. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
161. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
162. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
163. salary per an___m *n.* a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts
164. local h___o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
165. a bu___h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
166. fire st___k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
167. supply ch___n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
168. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
169. mi_____le letters *adj.* extremely small; tiny

ANSWERS: 160. philanthropy, 161. collapse, 162. garbage, 163. annum, 164. hero, 165. bunch, 166. stick, 167. chain, 168. excuse, 169. minuscule

170. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
171. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
172. s__w carbon dioxide *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
173. mo____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
174. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
175. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
176. enter vi____n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
177. en_____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
178. turn str_____way *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
179. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

ANSWERS: 170. contribution, 171. obvious, 172. spew, 173. moving, 174. foundation, 175. profession, 176. virgin, 177. energetic, 178. straightaway, 179. garbage

180. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
181. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
182. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
183. imp_____ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
184. int_____te an enemy soldier *v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
185. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
186. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
187. po_____r fiber *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
188. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
189. pet_____cal plant *n.* a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

ANSWERS: 180. hero, 181. dump, 182. consume, 183. impatience, 184. interrogate, 185. bunch, 186. akin, 187. polymer, 188. dump, 189. petrochemical

190. con_____te a large sum of money
to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
191. mic_____tic particle *n.* tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste
192. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
193. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
194. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
195. en_____ic density *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
196. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
197. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
198. biological po_____r *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
199. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

ANSWERS: 190. contribute, 191. microplastic, 192. barrier, 193. smashing, 194. ingrained, 195. energetic, 196. tweak, 197. recognize, 198. polymer, 199. tweak

200. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
201. go str_____way *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
202. a__n to anger *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
203. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
204. mi_____l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
205. a broken piece of sc__p *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
206. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
207. 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
208. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
209. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 200. damage, 201. straightaway, 202. akin, 203. fundamental, 204. minimal, 205. scrap, 206. smashing, 207. boom, 208. accelerate, 209. carve

210. 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
211. reg_____ive therapy *adj.* tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue
212. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
213. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
214. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
215. sl____t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
216. di____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
217. charged pa_____le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
218. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

ANSWERS: 210. economy, 211. regenerative, 212. consequence, 213. wealth, 214. wipe, 215. slight, 216. dinosaur, 217. particle, 218. boredom

219. cl____p crew *n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials
220. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
221. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
222. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
223. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
224. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
225. s__w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
226. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
227. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
228. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
229. a sort of ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 219. cleanup, 220. boom, 221. businessperson, 222. grace, 223. mass, 224. deserve, 225. spew, 226. extreme, 227. peel, 228. quarter, 229. mammal

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| 230. trees with rough b__k | <i>n.</i> the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals |
| 231. co_____e fiercely | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 232. an u__y sound | <i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at |
| 233. at inc_____le speed | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 234. re___r an assessment | <i>v.</i> to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc. |
| 235. hulking di_____ur | <i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin |
| 236. co___t mistakes | <i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong |
| 237. ind_____us student | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |
| 238. a qu_____r mile | <i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion |
| 239. to__n production | <i>n.</i> a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism |
| 240. pet_____cal complex | <i>n.</i> a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products |
| 241. a successful ent_____eur | <i>n.</i> an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks |

ANSWERS: 230. bark, 231. compete, 232. ugly, 233. incredible, 234. render, 235. dinosaur, 236. commit, 237. industrious, 238. quarter, 239. toxin, 240. petrochemical, 241. entrepreneur

242. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
243. mi_____le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
244. food de__t *n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys
245. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
246. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
247. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
248. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
249. roadside cl_____p *n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

ANSWERS: 242. toxin, 243. minuscule, 244. depot, 245. mass, 246. opportune, 247. consequence, 248. brand, 249. cleanup

250. the pa____en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
251. t__g branch *n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
252. chaotic env____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
253. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
254. st____e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
255. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
256. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
257. an ab____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
258. fun____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
259. a primitive ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
260. a h__p of trash *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

ANSWERS: 250. pathogen, 251. twig, 252. environment, 253. invest, 254. strike, 255. conflict, 256. cheer, 257. absolute, 258. fundamental, 259. mammal, 260. heap

261. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
262. a fo____l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
263. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
264. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
265. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
266. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 261. discuss, 262. fossil, 263. collapse, 264. wipe, 265. straight, 266. commit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated _____.
n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
- The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
- Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
- The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
- 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
- The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
- She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.
n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

ANSWERS: 1. pathogens, 2. giant, 3. extreme, 4. garbage, 5. economy, 6. dinosaur, 7. scraps

8. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable _____ sites.
n. a site for the disposal of waste materials
9. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
10. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
11. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
12. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.
adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy
13. The company _____ him after several years of service.
v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
14. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
15. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
16. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. landfill, 9. deserved, 10. impoverished, 11. typical, 12. energetic, 13. dumped, 14. transformed, 15. consume, 16. opportune

17. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
- n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
18. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
- n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
19. The volcano started to _____ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.
- v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
20. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
- v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
21. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.
- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
22. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
23. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
- v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
24. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
25. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 17. slavery, 18. mammal, 19. spew, 20. tweak, 21. smashing, 22. conflicts, 23. unlock, 24. absolute, 25. bunch

26. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
27. Many people living in poverty _____ their diets to make ends meet.
v. to make thin, weak, or reduced in number; to cause impoverishment or depletion; (noun) of or relating to an ecosystem, area, or environment that is lacking in number and diversity of species
28. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
29. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
30. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
31. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
32. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
33. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 26. marine, 27. depauperate, 28. cheered, 29. accelerate, 30. brain, 31. tackle, 32. margin, 33. stable

34. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

35. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

36. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

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

37. He used an old ____ to clean the grease off the car's engine.

n. a piece of cloth, especially an old one, torn or cut into strips and used for cleaning

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

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

39. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

40. 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

41. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 34. excuse, 35. fundamental, 36. biology, 37. rag, 38. statistics, 39. render, 40. economical, 41. incredible

42. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
43. I accelerated _____ to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.
adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
44. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
45. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
46. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.
adj. very small in degree or amount
47. This ore emits _____ quantities of radiation
adj. extremely small; tiny
48. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
49. We can calculate the position of the _____ statistically.
n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

ANSWERS: 42. toxins, 43. straightaway, 44. ecology, 45. brand, 46. slight, 47. minuscule, 48. competition, 49. particles

50. 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

51. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.

- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

52. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

53. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

54. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.

- n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

55. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.

- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

56. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

57. The main discussion topic is government _____.

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

ANSWERS: 50. develop, 51. peeled, 52. quarter, 53. attract, 54. commodity, 55. fossil, 56. crazy, 57. transparency

58. The _____ properties of stem cells make them a promising area of research.

adj. tending to regrow or restore lost or injured tissue

59. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

60. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

61. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

62. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

63. He removed the _____ from the tree.

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

64. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

65. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

66. A _____ of old clothes was lying in the room.

n. an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

ANSWERS: 58. regenerative, 59. obvious, 60. chain, 61. substance, 62. ugly, 63. bark, 64. moving, 65. rubbed, 66. heap

67. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

68. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

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

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

70. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

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

71. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.

- n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

72. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

73. I have a _____ for nicotine.

- n.* a strong desire of wanting something

74. The process was carried out at _____ cost.

- adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

75. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 67. recycle, 68. obsessed, 69. industrious, 70. wipe, 71. philanthropy, 72. recognize, 73. craving, 74. minimal, 75. contribution

76. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
77. We are developing plant-derived _____ to reduce environmental impact.
- n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
78. 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
79. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
80. After the party, a massive _____ was needed to restore the house.
- n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials
81. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.
- adj.* relating to electricity
82. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
83. The train _____ was a hub for commuters and travelers.
- n.* a place or a building where goods, materials, or equipment are stored, manufactured, or distributed; a transportation hub where buses or trains start or end their journeys

ANSWERS: 76. fuel, 77. polymers, 78. boom, 79. handle, 80. cleanup, 81. electrical, 82. damage, 83. depot

84. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
- adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
85. The bird perched on a _____ and sang a beautiful melody.
- n.* a small, thin, flexible branch or shoot of a tree or shrub; a slender, fragile, or delicate object or individual
86. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
87. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
88. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
89. The _____ of water is called ice.
- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
90. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
91. The doctor advised him to manage his _____ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.
- n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

ANSWERS: 84. profitable, 85. twig, 86. invest, 87. poverty, 88. wealth, 89. solid-state, 90. collapsed, 91. impatience

92. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
- v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
93. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
94. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
- v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
95. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.
- n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
96. The _____ in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.
- n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
97. The company reported a profit of \$500,000 per _____.
- n. a term used to refer to a period of one year, often used in financial contexts
98. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
- v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
99. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
- n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

ANSWERS: 92. compete, 93. foundation, 94. carved, 95. boredom, 96. mercury, 97. annum, 98. scare, 99. businessperson

100. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.
adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
101. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
102. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.
n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
103. We always _____ all critical information independently.
v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
104. The insurance company decided to _____ the policy for the new building.
v. to assume financial responsibility for something
105. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
106. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
107. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 100. ingrained, 101. mass, 102. excess, 103. verify, 104. underwrite, 105. hero, 106. barrier, 107. contribute

108. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

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

109. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

110. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

111. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

112. Several scholars have pointed out that inhalation of _____ may have adverse effects on the human body.

n. tiny plastic fragments in the environment originating from consumer products and industrial waste

113. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

114. The town's economy relies heavily on the _____ industry.

n. a chemical compound derived from petroleum or natural gas, used as a raw material in the manufacture of plastics, synthetic fibers, and other products

115. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 108. trillion, 109. negative, 110. virgin, 111. fragments, 112. microplastics, 113. strike, 114. petrochemical, 115. committed

116. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
117. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
118. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
119. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
120. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
121. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
122. The clouded jellyfish has an _____ shape, making it difficult to identify.
adj. without a definite or clear shape or form; lacking a specific structure or organization; shapeless or formless
123. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 116. Entrepreneurs, 117. committed, 118. absolutely, 119. straight, 120. tremendous, 121. consequences, 122. amorphous, 123. stick

124. The guitar was coated with a _____ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.
- n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
125. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
126. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
127. The lawyer spent considerable time to adequately _____ the witness.
- v.* to examine someone with questions over a lengthy period, especially in an aggressive manner
128. Her interests are _____ to mine.
- adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
129. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
130. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
131. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
- v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 124. resin, 125. suddenly, 126. transition, 127. interrogate, 128. akin, 129. profession, 130. discuss, 131. cheated

132. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

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

133. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 132. grace, 133. environment