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Session 1: Word List

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

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.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving

maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

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

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

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

transformation

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

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

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

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

zeal

n. great enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor; eagerness or intensity for a cause or purpose

synonym : passion, enthusiasm, fervor

(1) **zeal** for fitness, (2) religious **zeal**

The athlete brought great **zeal** to every competition, striving to be the best.

supervise

v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

synonym: oversee, manage, control

(1) **supervise** entrance test takers, (2) **supervise** team activity

She was asked to **supervise** the construction project.

veg

n. (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

synonym: vegetable, plant-based food, green

(1) **veg** pizza, (2) **veg** out on the couch

I like to keep a variety of fresh **veg** in my fridge to make healthy meals easily.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym: bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

algorithm

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

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym: apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

steroid

n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs

(1) **steroid** abuse, (2) a **steroid** hormone

Some **steroids** are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

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.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to

attract customers.

coconut

n. the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut

(1) **coconut** milk, (2) **coconut** oil

He cracked open a **coconut** to drink the milk.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym: effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

anomalous

adj. deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain

synonym: unusual, peculiar, abnormal

(1) **anomalous** behavior, (2) **anomalous** result

The data from the study was **anomalous** and unexpected.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

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

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

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

reluctant

adj. unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

synonym : hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

complicated

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

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym : undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

blindsided

v. to surprise or attack someone unexpectedly and from a position they are not aware of, often to gain an advantage

synonym: surprise, ambush, catch off guard

(1) **blindsided** the audience, (2) **blindsided** opponent

My boss's criticism of my work **blindsided** me during the meeting.

straw

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

synonym : hay, stalk, reed

(1) **straw** basket, (2) rice **straw**

The **straw** hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym : essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

reject

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

synonym : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

overnight

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

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

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

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

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

pariah

n. an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group

synonym : outcast, untouchable, reject

(1) **pariah** community, (2) treated as a **pariah**

Being a whistleblower can often lead to becoming a social **pariah** in some industries.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

outcast

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group;
(noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

synonym: fugitive, friendless, vagabond

(1) discrimination against **outcast** people, (2) social **outcast**

He was an **outcast** from the neighboring village.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

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**.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym: wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

principle

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

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

talent

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

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

ambiguous

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

synonym: unclear, uncertain, equivocal

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

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

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym: union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

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.

vaccine

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

synonym: vaccinum

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

inefficient

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

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

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

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

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym : sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

advance

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

synonym : progress, boost, come along

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

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

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

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.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

unstable

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

synonym: shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather

The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

time-consuming

adj. requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

synonym : lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

negotiate

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

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

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.

shock

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

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

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.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

prescribe

v. (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

synonym :

define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in

many countries worldwide.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym : uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

bravery

n. courage in the face of danger

synonym : courage, valor, heroism

(1) **bravery** against the enemy, (2) **bravery** under fire

His **bravery** in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.

rugby

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

(1) **rugby** match, (2) **rugby** team

He was a passionate fan of **rugby** and loved watching matches.

generic

adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product

synonym : common, ordinary, typical

(1) a **generic** product, (2) **generic** version

The **generic** aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

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**.

slope

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

synonym : gradient, pitch, slant

(1) an abrupt **slope**, (2) slide down a **slope** on a ski

The hut stands on the **slope** of a mountain.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym : renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

loyalty

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

synonym : faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

(1) **loyalty** program, (2) earn his **loyalty**

He has always shown great **loyalty** to his friends and family.

solidarity

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

synonym : unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym : exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

unflinching

adj. not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

synonym : resolute, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **unflinching** commitment, (2) **unflinching** gaze

His **unflinching** courage in the face of danger was

impressive.

unwavering

adj. not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment

synonym: steadfast, resolute, firm

(1) **unwavering** commitment, (2) **unwavering** confidence

She showed **unwavering** loyalty to her friend through thick and thin.

dedication

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

synonym: devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

(1) **dedication** to public service, (2) **dedication** ceremony

We are very impressed with your strong **dedication** to quality.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

awe

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

synonym: wonder, amazement, reverence

(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation

The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

thrall

n. a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state

synonym: slave, captive, prisoner

(1) **thrall** to addiction, (2) keep the people in **thrall**

The cult leader held her followers in **thrall** with her charismatic speeches.

verve

n. energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal

synonym : energy, enthusiasm, vitality

(1) journalistic **verve**, (2) perform with **verve**

The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic **verve**.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym : divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

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

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

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

limitless

adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

synonym: boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

variation

n. the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

synonym: fluctuation, change, variation

(1) **variation** of temperature, (2) gene **variation**

There is a lot of **variation** in the colors of flowers in the garden.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym: aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym : delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India
The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**
There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment
The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

app

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

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**
The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident
His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

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.

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym: choppiness, tumult, agitation

(1) financial **turbulence**, (2) emotional **turbulence**

The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of **turbulence**.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

teeter

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

synonym : wobble, totter, sway

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

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

brink

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

synonym : edge, verge, threshold

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

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

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.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings
He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
synonym: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy
I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**
The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

gig

n. a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

synonym: show, concert, engagement

(1) **gig** economy, (2) have a **gig** at the stadium
We are planning a speaking **gig** by a well-known author at a

community center in a neighboring town.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

stamina

n. the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively

synonym : endurance, staying power, resilience

(1) **stamina** training, (2) lose **stamina**

The athlete's **stamina** was tested during the grueling triathlon.

spurious

adj. false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading

synonym : false, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **spurious** evidence, (2) **spurious** argument

The writer made **spurious** claims in their article, unsupported by any evidence.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym : fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

uncharted

adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action

synonym : unknown, unexplored, undiscovered

(1) **uncharted** wilderness, (2) **uncharted** waters

The explorer ventured into **uncharted** territory, not knowing

what to expect.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym : imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym : inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym : courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adrift

adj. without purpose or direction; floating with no clear destination or goal; lacking a stable or secure position or status

synonym : afloat, aimless, unanchored

(1) **adrift** boat, (2) **adrift** at sea

After their boat engine failed, they were left **adrift** in the middle of the ocean.

hone

v. to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice

synonym : sharpen, refine, perfect

(1) **hone** abilities, (2) **hone** intuition

The athlete worked with a coach to **hone** her techniques and improve her performance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
2. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
3. br____y under fire *n.* courage in the face of danger
4. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
5. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
6. unw_____ng commitment *adj.* not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
7. a ri___y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
8. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
9. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
10. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
11. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

ANSWERS: 1. relation, 2. slightly, 3. bravery, 4. reject, 5. environment, 6. unwavering, 7. risky, 8. digital, 9. complicated, 10. improve, 11. counterpart

12. inc_____le amount	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
13. designed spe_____lly for men	<i>adv.</i> only associated with or meant for one thing
14. discrimination against ou_____t people	<i>adj.</i> excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
15. br___e soldier	<i>adj.</i> showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
16. ch___f accountant	<i>adj.</i> most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
17. tr_____ff problem	<i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
18. ad__t fully to the environment	<i>v.</i> to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
19. in_____te appetite	<i>adj.</i> unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
20. ou_____ce to India	<i>v.</i> to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
21. tec_____cal policy	<i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress
22. ded_____on to public service	<i>n.</i> a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
23. a vul_____le bridge	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 12. incredible, 13. specifically, 14. outcast, 15. brave, 16. chief, 17. trade-off, 18. adapt, 19. infinite, 20. outsource, 21. technological, 22. dedication, 23. vulnerable

24. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
25. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
26. co_____t oil *n.* the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut
27. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
28. as____n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
29. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
30. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
31. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
32. emotional tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
33. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 24. weep, 25. algorithm, 26. coconut, 27. efficiency, 28. assign, 29. defend, 30. renewable, 31. recreation, 32. turbulence, 33. talent

34. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
35. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
36. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
37. 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
38. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
39. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
40. mentally un_____le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
41. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
42. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used

ANSWERS: 34. manifest, 35. shock, 36. celebrate, 37. stick, 38. brink, 39. uncharted, 40. unstable, 41. pitch, 42. staple

43. rice st__w *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
44. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
45. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
46. li_____ss potential *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
47. earn his lo_____y *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
48. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
49. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
50. er__e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
51. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
52. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
53. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 43. straw, 44. employee, 45. forecast, 46. limitless, 47. loyalty, 48. chief, 49. adaptation, 50. erode, 51. strength, 52. confront, 53. embrace

54. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
55. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
56. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
57. an_____us behavior *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
58. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
59. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
60. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
61. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
62. de_____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
63. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 54. vaccine, 55. fragile, 56. interpret, 57. anomalous, 58. disease, 59. reckless, 60. counterpart, 61. renewable, 62. destiny, 63. develop

64. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
65. th___l to addiction *n.* a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state
66. a st____d hormone *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
67. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
68. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
69. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
70. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
71. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
72. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 64. nurse, 65. thrall, 66. steroid, 67. solidarity, 68. principle, 69. nudge, 70. chain, 71. colleague, 72. crisis

73. pr____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
74. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
75. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
76. have a g_g at the stadium *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
77. ad____t at sea *adj.* without purpose or direction; floating with no clear destination or goal; lacking a stable or secure position or status
78. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
79. va_____on of temperature *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
80. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
81. treated as a pa____h *n.* an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group
82. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 73. predict, 74. strip, 75. specifically, 76. gig, 77. adrift, 78. suddenly, 79. variation, 80. norm, 81. pariah, 82. asset

83. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
84. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
85. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
86. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
87. 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
88. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
89. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
90. unp_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
91. dangerously unp_____ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
92. an_____us result *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 83. crazy, 84. efficient, 85. defy, 86. display, 87. recognize, 88. environment, 89. healthcare, 90. unpredictable, 91. unpredictable, 92. anomalous

93. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
94. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
95. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
96. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
97. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
98. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
99. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
100. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
101. st___e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
102. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
103. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

ANSWERS: 93. gut, 94. prediction, 95. confront, 96. healthcare, 97. tremendous, 98. energize, 99. adopt, 100. imaginary, 101. staple, 102. brink, 103. brave

104. for a li_____ss time	<i>adj.</i> without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
105. di_____e control	<i>n.</i> a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
106. re__w a contract	<i>v.</i> to begin or resume something again after an interruption
107. bl__k expression	<i>adj.</i> without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
108. st_____th of the economy	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
109. pr_____le in business	<i>n.</i> a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
110. ba___y industry	<i>n.</i> a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
111. cultural n__m	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
112. ad_____e a cooperative relationship	<i>v.</i> to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
113. a three-party co_____on	<i>n.</i> a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
114. tim_____ing project	<i>adj.</i> requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

ANSWERS: 104. limitless, 105. disease, 106. renew, 107. blank, 108. strength, 109. principle, 110. bakery, 111. norm, 112. advance, 113. coalition, 114. time-consuming

124. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
125. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
126. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
127. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
128. 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
129. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
130. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
131. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
132. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 124. myth, 125. asset, 126. recognize, 127. unexpected, 128. economy, 129. undermine, 130. collapse, 131. negotiate, 132. opposition

133. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
134. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
135. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
136. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
137. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
138. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
139. a ro_____t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
140. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
141. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
142. de_____e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

ANSWERS: 133. compassion, 134. manifest, 135. conversation, 136. strategy, 137. epidemic, 138. distract, 139. robust, 140. predictable, 141. decision, 142. devise

143. perform with ve__e *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal
144. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
145. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
146. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
147. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
148. co_____t milk *n.* the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut
149. unf_____ng commitment *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
150. v_g out on the couch *n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;
151. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 143. verve, 144. employee, 145. celebrate, 146. frank, 147. defy, 148. coconut, 149. unflinching, 150. veg, 151. patient

152. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
153. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
154. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
155. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
156. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
157. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
158. g_g economy *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
159. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
160. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
161. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption

ANSWERS: 152. suddenly, 153. experiment, 154. embrace, 155. app, 156. reckless, 157. compassion, 158. gig, 159. crucial, 160. bond, 161. renew

162. h__e intuition *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
163. su_____se entrance test takers *v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility
164. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
165. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
166. lo_____y program *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
167. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
168. bl_____de the audience *v.* to surprise or attack someone unexpectedly and from a position they are not aware of, often to gain an advantage
169. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
170. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
171. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
172. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 162. hone, 163. supervise, 164. experiment, 165. bond, 166. loyalty, 167. adaptation, 168. blindside, 169. gut, 170. distract, 171. risky, 172. capture

173. ge____c version	<i>adj.</i> not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
174. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
175. pr____t when she will arrive	<i>v.</i> to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
176. perpetuate a m__h	<i>n.</i> an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
177. the in____on of new techniques	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
178. ru__y team	<i>n.</i> a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
179. take an un____in attitude	<i>adj.</i> not being sure of something; not being able to choose
180. future of space exp____on	<i>n.</i> the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
181. unw____ng confidence	<i>adj.</i> not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment
182. a friendly con____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
183. fr____e ecosystem	<i>adj.</i> delicate or easily broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 173. generic, 174. frank, 175. predict, 176. myth, 177. invention, 178. rugby, 179. uncertain, 180. exploration, 181. unwavering, 182. conversation, 183. fragile

193. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
194. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
195. co_____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
196. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
197. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
198. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
199. 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
200. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
201. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 193. extreme, 194. blank, 195. coalition, 196. decision, 197. digital, 198. propose, 199. develop, 200. regularly, 201. tremendous

202. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
203. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
204. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
205. computer op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
206. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
207. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
208. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
209. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
210. te____r on the brink *v.* to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes
211. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
212. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
213. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 202. app, 203. transformation, 204. collapse, 205. opponent, 206. inefficient, 207. vulnerable, 208. bunch, 209. predictable, 210. teeter, 211. inventive, 212. colleague, 213. opposition

214. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
215. v_g pizza *n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;
216. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
217. a feeling of a_e *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
218. st_____a training *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
219. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
220. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
221. su_____e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
222. an oral va_____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

ANSWERS: 214. turbulence, 215. veg, 216. crisis, 217. awe, 218. stamina, 219. slightly, 220. bunch, 221. suffice, 222. vaccine

223. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
224. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
225. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
226. lose st_____a *n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
227. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
228. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
229. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
230. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
231. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
232. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
233. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

ANSWERS: 223. unexpected, 224. pitch, 225. messy, 226. stamina, 227. resilient, 228. improve, 229. epidemic, 230. prediction, 231. capture, 232. climate, 233. robust

234. sp_____us argument *adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading
235. a ge_____c product *adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
236. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
237. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
238. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
239. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
240. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
241. z__l for fitness *n.* great enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor; eagerness or intensity for a cause or purpose
242. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
243. re__t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
244. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
245. su_____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

ANSWERS: 234. spurious, 235. generic, 236. uncertain, 237. complexity, 238. adapt, 239. transformation, 240. forecast, 241. zeal, 242. extreme, 243. reject, 244. propose, 245. suffice

246. pr_____be in the preceding paragraph *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
247. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
248. er___e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
249. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
250. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
251. foreordained de_____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
252. pa___h community *n.* an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group
253. slide down a sl___e on a ski *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
254. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
255. ded_____on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

ANSWERS: 246. prescribe, 247. opponent, 248. erode, 249. disproportionate, 250. proliferate, 251. destiny, 252. pariah, 253. slope, 254. proliferate, 255. dedication

256. fl__d advisory	<i>n.</i>	a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
257. raw ta___t	<i>n.</i>	a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
258. ru__y match	<i>n.</i>	a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line
259. capable of ima_____ve creation	<i>adj.</i>	having or showing new and creative ideas
260. tec_____cal advancement	<i>adj.</i>	based on scientific and industrial progress
261. ou_____ce a non-core function	<i>v.</i>	to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
262. de___e a literary plot	<i>v.</i>	to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
263. er_____te racial discrimination	<i>v.</i>	to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
264. post re_____ly to a blog	<i>adv.</i>	at regular intervals or times
265. become increasingly com_____ed	<i>adj.</i>	involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
266. ine_____nt management	<i>adj.</i>	lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 256. flood, 257. talent, 258. rugby, 259. imaginative, 260. technological, 261. outsource, 262. devise, 263. eradicate, 264. regularly, 265. complicated, 266. inefficient

267. tim_____ing process *adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
268. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
269. keep the people in th____l *n.* a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state
270. as____n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
271. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
272. religious z__l *n.* great enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor; eagerness or intensity for a cause or purpose
273. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
274. sp_____us evidence *adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading
275. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
276. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 267. time-consuming, 268. creative, 269. thrall, 270. assign, 271. imaginary, 272. zeal, 273. shock, 274. spurious, 275. nudge, 276. medical

277. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
278. in____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
279. er____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
280. ov____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
281. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
282. 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
283. gene va____on *n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said
284. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
285. un____ed waters *adj.* not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
286. bl____de opponent *v.* to surprise or attack someone unexpectedly and from a position they are not aware of, often to gain an advantage

ANSWERS: 277. strategy, 278. inventive, 279. eradicate, 280. overnight, 281. climate, 282. stick, 283. variation, 284. nurse, 285. uncharted, 286. blindside

297. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
298. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
299. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
300. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
301. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
302. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
303. sol_____ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
304. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
305. run a ba____y *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold
306. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
307. su_____se team activity *v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

ANSWERS: 297. invention, 298. messy, 299. efficiency, 300. attempt, 301. algorithm, 302. adopt, 303. solidarity, 304. relation, 305. bakery, 306. ambiguous, 307. supervise

308. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
309. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
310. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
311. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
312. unf_____ng gaze *adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute
313. h__e abilities *v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
314. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
315. social ou_____t *adj.* excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home
316. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
317. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 308. negotiate, 309. display, 310. resilient, 311. recreation, 312. unflinching, 313. hone, 314. overnight, 315. outcast, 316. disproportionate, 317. baffle

318. ima_____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
319. re_____nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
320. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
321. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
322. an Arctic exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
323. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
324. st__w basket *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
325. slowly becoming more re_____nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
326. clarify am_____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
327. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
328. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
329. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
330. un_____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

ANSWERS: 318. imaginative, 319. reluctant, 320. crucial, 321. decide, 322. exploration, 323. flood, 324. straw, 325. reluctant, 326. ambiguous, 327. decide, 328. attempt, 329. crazy, 330. unstable

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The possibilities for scientific discovery are _____.
adj. without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
2. We had a _____ time yesterday.
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
3. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
4. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
5. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.
n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
6. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
7. The tower proved to be _____ in the high wind.
adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

ANSWERS: 1. limitless, 2. tremendous, 3. efficiency, 4. display, 5. destiny, 6. vaccine, 7. unstable

8. _____ youth makes rueful age.

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

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

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

10. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

11. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

12. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

13. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

14. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

15. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 8. Reckless, 9. crisis, 10. brave, 11. predictable, 12. disproportionate, 13. decision, 14. celebrated, 15. floods

16. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

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

17. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

18. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

19. The company decided to _____ its IT services to a third-party provider.

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

20. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

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

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

22. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

23. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 16. negotiate, 17. opponent, 18. recreation, 19. outsource, 20. loyalty, 21. resilient, 22. attempt, 23. digital

24. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
25. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
26. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
27. 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
28. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
- adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
29. The athlete worked with a coach to _____ her techniques and improve her performance.
- v.* to sharpen or perfect something; to improve a skill or ability through practice
30. He was _____ to share his thoughts on the matter.
- adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
31. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 24. strategy, 25. algorithm, 26. conversation, 27. economy, 28. risky, 29. hone, 30. reluctant, 31. disease

32. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
33. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
34. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
35. 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
36. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
37. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
38. We are very impressed with your strong _____ to quality.
n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
39. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 32. strength, 33. bond, 34. transformations, 35. develop, 36. capture, 37. eradicate, 38. dedication, 39. creative

40. 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
41. The hut stands on the _____ of a mountain.
n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
42. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
43. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
44. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
45. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
46. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
47. The writer made _____ claims in their article, unsupported by any evidence.
adj. false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading

ANSWERS: 40. chain, 41. slope, 42. energized, 43. epidemic, 44. efficient, 45. proliferate, 46. norms, 47. spurious

48. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
49. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
50. 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
51. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary
52. Federal bankruptcy laws _____ the reorganization process.
v. (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
53. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
54. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
55. The cult leader held her followers in _____ with her charismatic speeches.
n. a state of being under the control or power of someone or something else; bondage or slavery; a captivated or enthralled state

ANSWERS: 48. Climate, 49. Technological, 50. recognize, 51. crucial, 52. prescribed, 53. counterpart, 54. pitch, 55. thrall

56. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
57. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured;
(verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
58. The athlete brought great _____ to every competition, striving to be the best.
n. great enthusiasm or passion for something; fervor; eagerness or intensity for a cause or purpose
59. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
60. 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
61. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
62. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
63. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 56. renewable, 57. nurse, 58. zeal, 59. improve, 60. environment, 61. healthcare, 62. specifically, 63. opposition

64. The data from the study was _____ and unexpected.

adj. deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain

65. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

66. The workers showed _____ in their strike for better working conditions.

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

67. Being a whistleblower can often lead to becoming a social _____ in some industries.

n. an outcast or social reject; a person who is despised and avoided by society or a particular group

68. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

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

69. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

70. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

71. He worked at the _____ as a baker.

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

ANSWERS: 64. anomalous, 65. manifested, 66. solidarity, 67. pariah, 68. overnight, 69. undermine, 70. confront, 71. bakery

72. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
73. The woods _____ the house.
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
74. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
75. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.
n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
76. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
77. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
78. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
79. The paradox _____ most philosophers.
v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 72. propose, 73. embrace, 74. shock, 75. compassion, 76. patient's, 77. myth, 78. adapt, 79. baffled

80. The _____ aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.

adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product

81. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

82. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

83. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

84. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

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

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

86. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

87. She is a hard worker but not very _____.

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

ANSWERS: 80. generic, 81. devise, 82. exploration, 83. employee, 84. crazy, 85. principle, 86. incredible, 87. imaginative

88. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

89. He cracked open a _____ to drink the milk.

n. the large, hard-shelled seed of a tropical palm, which has a fibrous husk surrounding a single-seeded nut

90. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

91. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

92. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

93. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

94. We are planning a speaking ____ by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.

n. a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

95. He was a passionate fan of _____ and loved watching matches.

n. a sport played with an oval ball, with two teams of fifteen players trying to score goals by carrying or kicking the ball over the opponent's goal line

ANSWERS: 88. slightly, 89. coconut, 90. staple, 91. invention, 92. adaptation, 93. infinite, 94. gig, 95. rugby

96. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.
v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption
97. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
98. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.
adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
99. My boss's criticism of my work _____ me during the meeting.
v. to surprise or attack someone unexpectedly and from a position they are not aware of, often to gain an advantage
100. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
101. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
102. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
103. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
104. She showed _____ loyalty to her friend through thick and thin.
adj. not changing or becoming weaker in any way; remaining steadily fixed or resolute in purpose or commitment

ANSWERS: 96. renew, 97. imaginary, 98. ambiguous, 99. blindsided, 100. complicated, 101. unexpected, 102. extreme, 103. app's, 104. unwavering

105. The athlete's _____ was tested during the grueling triathlon.
- n.* the physical or mental endurance and strength needed to sustain prolonged effort or activity; the ability to withstand fatigue, stress, or other challenges and continue functioning effectively
106. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
- v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
107. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.
- adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
108. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
- n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
109. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.
- adj.* disorganized and untidy
110. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
111. His _____ in the face of danger saved the lives of his comrades.
- n.* courage in the face of danger
112. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
- v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 105. stamina, 106. nudged, 107. unpredictable, 108. brink, 109. messy, 110. adopted, 111. bravery, 112. allocated

113. The drunk man tried to _____ along the narrow bridge, almost falling into the river.
- v.* to move or balance unsteadily, often in a way that suggests instability or danger; to waver or vacillate between two positions, opinions, or attitudes
114. Who answers _____ knows little.
- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
115. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
116. 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
117. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
- adv.* at regular intervals or times
118. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
- v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
119. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
120. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 113. teeter, 114. suddenly, 115. colleague, 116. stick, 117. regularly, 118. distract, 119. inefficient, 120. bunch

121. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

122. Some _____ are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs

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

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

124. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

125. The artist's work is known for its vibrant colors and energetic _____.

n. energy, enthusiasm, or vitality, especially when expressed in a lively or spirited way; vigor or zeal

126. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

127. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

128. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 121. experiments, 122. steroids, 123. rejected, 124. strip, 125. verve, 126. suffice, 127. chief, 128. medical

129. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
130. These results muddied the _____.
n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
131. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
132. The _____ hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.
n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
133. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
134. The explorer ventured into _____ territory, not knowing what to expect.
adj. not mapped or surveyed; unknown or unexplored; without a clear or definite course of action
135. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
136. Writing a research paper can be a _____ task.
adj. requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
137. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 129. advance, 130. prediction, 131. asset, 132. straw, 133. collapsed, 134. uncharted, 135. vulnerable, 136. time-consuming, 137. frank

138. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

139. I like to keep a variety of fresh _____ in my fridge to make healthy meals easily.

- n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

140. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

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

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

142. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

- n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

143. His _____ courage in the face of danger was impressive.

- adj.* not showing fear or hesitation in the face of danger or adversity; steadfast and resolute

144. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.

- v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

145. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 138. defy, 139. veg, 140. complexity, 141. relations, 142. forecasts, 143. unflinching, 144. eroded, 145. assign

146. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

147. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.

- n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

148. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

- adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

149. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

- adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

150. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.

- n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

151. There is a lot of _____ in the colors of flowers in the garden.

- n.* the act or state of changing; a difference or change in the way something is done, made or said

152. After their boat engine failed, they were left _____ in the middle of the ocean.

- adj.* without purpose or direction; floating with no clear destination or goal; lacking a stable or secure position or status

ANSWERS: 146. gut-wrenching, 147. turbulence, 148. blank, 149. robust, 150. awe-inspiring, 151. variation, 152. adrift

153. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

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

154. She was asked to _____ the construction project.

- v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

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

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

156. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.

- v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

157. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

158. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

- adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

159. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.

- n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

160. Different people might _____ this news differently.

- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

ANSWERS: 153. talents, 154. supervise, 155. predict, 156. weep, 157. decide, 158. uncertain, 159. coalition, 160. interpret

161. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

162. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

163. He was an _____ from the neighboring village.

adj. excluded or rejected from a society or a particular group; (noun) a person who is excluded or rejected from a society or a home

164. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

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

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

ANSWERS: 161. inventive, 162. fragile, 163. outcast, 164. trade-off, 165. defend