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Session 1: Word List

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing
He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

megacity

n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

(1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project
The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials
His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

edition

n. a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;

synonym: version, release, volume

(1) a paper **edition**, (2) **edition** deluxe

They issued a limited **edition** of the artist's recordings.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym: merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

congregate

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

synonym: assemble, converge, gather

(1) **congregate** at the park, (2) **congregate** in a mosque

The protesters plan to **congregate** in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

rebirth

n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation

synonym : renewal, rejuvenation, resurrection

(1) undergo a **rebirth**, (2) **rebirth** of democracy

The phoenix is a symbol of **rebirth**, rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym : tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

attract

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

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

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

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

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

emerge

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

synonym : arise, occur, appear

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

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

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym : rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym : move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym : land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym : feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

pontoon

n. a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing

synonym : float, barge, raft

(1) **pontoon** boat, (2) floating **pontoon**

The **pontoon** bridge was built to allow traffic to cross the river during the construction of the new bridge.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

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.

seasonal

adj. occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons

synonym: periodic, cyclic

(1) **seasonal** allergies, (2) **seasonal** fruits

The pumpkin patch only operates during the **seasonal** fall months.

downpour

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

synonym: rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym: flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym : adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

volatile

adj. likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive

synonym : unstable, unpredictable, explosive

(1) highly- **volatile** elements, (2) **volatile** markets

Their relationship was **volatile** and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

function

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

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

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

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

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

governance

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

synonym : administration, management, direction

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

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

commissioner

n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

synonym: administrator, agent, official

(1) elect police **commissioners**, (2) **commissioner** of patent office

He became an audit **commissioner** because of his years of experience as an accountant.

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.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym: expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

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.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

pop-up

n. an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time;
(verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

synonym: appearance, temporary, (verb) emerge

(1) **pop-up** ad, (2) **pop-up** notification

The **pop-up** store was a great way to test the market for the new product.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

neo-liberal

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

synonym : free-market, laissez-faire, capitalist

(1) **neo-liberal** economic model, (2) **neo-liberal** ideology
The government's **neo-liberal** policies prioritize free-market capitalism over social welfare programs.

capitalism

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

synonym : commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

synonym : degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym: intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym: deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym: agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

bamboo

n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

synonym: cane, reed, stem

(1) **bamboo** crafts, (2) **bamboo** flooring

The stalks of **bamboo** can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym : pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym : tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

corrugated

adj. having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

synonym : ridged, grooved, wrinkled

(1) **corrugated** panel, (2) **corrugated** metal roofing

The **corrugated** cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym : total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym: set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

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.

disassemble

v. to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components

synonym: dismantle, take apart, break down

(1) **disassemble** a machine, (2) **disassemble** furniture

The mechanic had to **disassemble** the engine to locate and fix the problem.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

reabsorption

n. the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation

(1) **reabsorption** of water, (2) glucose **reabsorption**

The tubules are responsible for the **reabsorption** of sodium once filtered by the kidneys.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym : rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

hinterland

n. the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement

synonym : backcountry, wilderness, remote area

(1) **hinterland** tourism, (2) remote **hinterland**

The vast **hinterland** region was filled with untamed wilderness and natural wonders.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

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.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym : beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

reverse

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

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

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

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

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

reversible

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

synonym: invertible, changeable, undoable

(1) **reversible** decision, (2) **reversible** fabrics

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

obsess

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

synonym: torment, beset, engross

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

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

permanence

n. the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent

synonym : durability, continuity, stability

(1) **permanence** factor, (2) long-term **permanence**

The **permanence** of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

impulse

n. a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

synonym : stimulation, provocation, urge

(1) a combative **impulse**, (2) profound religious **impulses**

Nerve **impulses** cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.

spite

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

synonym : malice, ill will, vindictiveness

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

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

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

expiry

n. the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license

synonym : expiration, termination, end

(1) **expiry** notice, (2) product **expiry**

Make sure to check the **expiry** date on the milk before using

it.

spaceship

n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

synonym: starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**
They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym: scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym: trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

vendor

n. a person or company that sells goods or services

synonym: seller, merchant, peddler

(1) street **vendor**, (2) food **vendor**

The **vendor** at the market sold the freshest produce I have ever tasted.

temporal

adj. of or relating to time as opposed to eternity

synonym: transient, fleeting, temporary

(1) a **temporal** restriction, (2) **temporal** history

The **temporal** nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

chemistry

n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

(1) professor of **chemistry**, (2) the **chemistry** of soil

He is familiar with **chemistry** and biology.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

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

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

margin

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

synonym: edge, border, periphery

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

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

unused

adj. not being used, or never having been used

synonym : pristine, untouched, unaccustomed

(1) a bullet left **unused**, (2) an **unused** place

The old entrance area is now **unused**.

optimal

adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous

synonym : optimum, desirable, favorable

(1) achieve **optimal** health, (2) **optimal** for intellectual growth

Wild animals need to go forward with the **optimal** action to survive.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

kinetic

adj. of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion

synonym : active, dynamic, lively

(1) **kinetic** friction, (2) **kinetic** motion

The **kinetic** energy of the falling object increased as it fell.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

static

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

synonym: immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website

The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

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**.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym: emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

favela

n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

synonym: shantytown, slum, ghetto

(1) **favela** neighborhood, (2) people in the **favelas**

Many **favela** residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

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

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

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

vision

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

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

adjustment

n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result

synonym: alteration, adaptation, modification

(1) **adjustment** by hand, (2) a fine **adjustment**

He assumed the role of the arbitral **adjustment** of the controversy.

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.

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.

papier-mache

n. a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects

synonym : paper-mache, paper pulp

(1) **papier-mache** sculpture, (2) **papier-mache** ball

The kids had fun making **papier-mache** masks for their school play.

plaster

n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

synonym : cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**

Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

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.

anonymity

n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other

personal information

synonym: obscurity, secrecy, namelessness

(1) comment with **anonymity**, (2) protect **anonymity**

The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their **anonymity** online.

maid

n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

synonym: servant, housekeeper, domestic

(1) **maid** service, (2) a waiting **maid**

The live-in **maid** came in to clean the room every day.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym: fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

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.

cricket

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**

The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

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**.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

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**.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

partake

v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink

synonym : consume, share, participate

(1) **partake** in a celebration, (2) **partake** in an activity

Let's all **partake** in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

elastic

adj. flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and

adaptable

synonym : stretchy, flexible, resilient

(1) **elastic** body, (2) **elastic** waistband

The skin of a snake is remarkably **elastic**, allowing it to slither through tight spaces.

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym : example, standard, epitome

(1) major **paradigm** shift, (2) cultural **paradigm**

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym : outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or

through retail outlets

synonym : sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

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.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

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.

stadium

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

synonym : arena, field, park

(1) **stadium** seating, (2) **stadium** capacity

The baseball **stadium** was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym: mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

deflation

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

synonym: contraction, recession, shrinkage

(1) anti- **deflation** policies, (2) **deflation** of the lung

The economy is experiencing severe **deflation**.

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.

circus

n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym: fair, carnival, spectacle

(1) **circus** performer, (2) **circus** tent

The kids were excited to go to the **circus** and see the clowns and animals perform.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

amazement

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym: astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym: racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym : race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

flux

n. the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place

synonym : flow, change, motion

(1) **flux** density, (2) **flux** of particles

The town's population was in **flux**, with many people moving in and out.

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.

accommodating

adj. helpful and willing to assist or make room for someone or something

synonym : helpful, obliging, hospitable

(1) **accommodating** to a fault, (2) take an **accommodating** view

The hotel staff was very **accommodating** and helped us with our requests.

continuously

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

synonym : constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed
The country's domestic coal consumption has been **continuously** declining for decades.

unsuccessful

adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful

synonym: failing, abortive, doomed

(1) an **unsuccessful** writer, (2) **unsuccessful** effort

The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely **unsuccessful**.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

plea

n. an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

synonym: petition, appeal, entreaty

(1) **plea** bargaining, (2) emotional **plea**

The defendant entered a **plea** of not guilty during his trial.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

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.

consume

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

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

priestess

n. a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system

(1) **priestess** of the Moon, (2) ancient **priestess** tradition

The **priestess** of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym: aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym : eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**

We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

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**.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym : entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

minimal

adj. tiny in amount; the least possible

synonym: tiniest, essential, minimum

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

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

impermanent

adj. not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

synonym: temporary, fleeting

(1) **impermanent** tattoo, (2) **impermanent** hair color

The **impermanent** nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ancient pr_____ss tradition *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
2. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
3. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
4. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
5. feeling of am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
6. el_____c waistband *adj.* flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
7. no_____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
8. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 1. priestess, 2. electrify, 3. structure, 4. characteristic, 5. amazement, 6. elastic, 7. nomadic, 8. comparison

9. ab____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
10. ci____s performer *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
11. ed____n deluxe *n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
12. sa____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
13. ar____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
14. imp____nt tattoo *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting
15. con____te at the park *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
16. highly-vo____le elements *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
17. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
18. ine____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. abandon, 10. circus, 11. edition, 12. sacred, 13. architect, 14. impermanent, 15. congregate, 16. volatile, 17. enormous, 18. inefficient

19. an uns_____ful writer *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
20. anti-de_____on policies *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
21. a combative im_____e *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
22. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
23. professor of ch_____ry *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
24. 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
25. ad__t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
26. adj_____nt by hand *n.* a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result

ANSWERS: 19. unsuccessful, 20. deflation, 21. impulse, 22. infrastructure, 23. chemistry, 24. pitch, 25. adjust, 26. adjustment

27. people in the fa___as *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
28. po___p notification *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
29. cor_____ed panel *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
30. am___e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
31. st_____m seating *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
32. el_____c body *adj.* flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
33. sw___p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
34. food ve___r *n.* a person or company that sells goods or services

ANSWERS: 27. favela, 28. pop-up, 29. corrugated, 30. amuse, 31. stadium, 32. elastic, 33. sweep, 34. vendor

35. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
36. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
37. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
38. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
39. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
40. st___c website *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
41. emotional p__a *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
42. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
43. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
44. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
45. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 35. emerge, 36. imaginary, 37. contest, 38. efficiently, 39. incredibly, 40. static, 41. plea, 42. consume, 43. consume, 44. emerge, 45. process

46. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
47. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
48. pa_____e in an activity *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
49. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
50. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
51. 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
52. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
53. floating po_____n *n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing
54. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

ANSWERS: 46. shift, 47. confluence, 48. partake, 49. obsess, 50. sew, 51. embrace, 52. institutionalize, 53. pontoon, 54. retail

55. use one thing con_____sly *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
56. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
57. ab____b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
58. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
59. an_____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
60. cultural pa_____gm *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
61. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
62. tense piano st____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
63. glucose rea_____ion *n.* the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation
64. mi_____ht shift *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
65. p__a bargaining *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

ANSWERS: 55. continuously, 56. nuanced, 57. absorb, 58. midnight, 59. animate, 60. paradigm, 61. grid, 62. string, 63. reabsorption, 64. midnight, 65. plea

66. at____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
67. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
68. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
69. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
70. cracks in the pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
71. uns_____ful effort *adj.* failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
72. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
73. ki_____c motion *adj.* of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion
74. an_____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
75. rea_____ion of water *n.* the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation

ANSWERS: 66. attract, 67. nail, 68. unfortunately, 69. transformation, 70. plaster, 71. unsuccessful, 72. bless, 73. kinetic, 74. animate, 75. reabsorption

76. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
77. po___p ad *n.* an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen
78. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
79. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
80. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
81. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
82. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
83. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
84. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
85. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 76. unfortunately, 77. pop-up, 78. capitalism, 79. expose, 80. margin, 81. expose, 82. landscape, 83. spot, 84. temporary, 85. grand

86. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
87. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
88. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
89. po_____n boat *n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing
90. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
91. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
92. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
93. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
94. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
95. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 86. intentional, 87. whisper, 88. kit, 89. pontoon, 90. permanent, 91. cycle, 92. religion, 93. reserve, 94. disappear, 95. sand

96. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
97. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
98. in___t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete
99. con_____sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
100. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
101. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
102. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
103. dis_____le a machine *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
104. rev_____le decision *adj.* capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
105. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
106. per_____ce factor *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent

ANSWERS: 96. vision, 97. recede, 98. intact, 99. continuously, 100. suburb, 101. predict, 102. profound, 103. disassemble, 104. reversible, 105. absorb, 106. permanence

107. based on their et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
108. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
109. permafrost te_____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
110. de_____on of the lung *n.* a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something
111. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
112. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
113. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
114. profound religious im_____es *n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber

ANSWERS: 107. ethnicity, 108. process, 109. terrain, 110. deflation, 111. screw, 112. constant, 113. confluence, 114. impulse

115. st____m capacity *n.* a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events
116. global re____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
117. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
118. ci____s tent *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
119. bu____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
120. re____t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
121. a pine cr____t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
122. me____ty project *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
123. fa____c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
124. l____n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 115. stadium, 116. refugee, 117. employ, 118. circus, 119. burning, 120. resist, 121. cricket, 122. megacity, 123. fabric, 124. lean

125. de_____e into chaos *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
126. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
127. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
128. hin_____nd tourism *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
129. mi_____l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
130. re_____e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
131. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
132. mo_____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
133. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
134. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
135. in_____t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete

ANSWERS: 125. devolve, 126. religion, 127. suddenly, 128. hinterland, 129. minimal, 130. recede, 131. inefficient, 132. monsoon, 133. communal, 134. reverse, 135. intact

136. acc_____ing to a fault *adj.* helpful and willing to assist or make room for someone or something
137. alien sp_____ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
138. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
139. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
140. major pa_____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
141. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
142. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
143. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
144. 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
145. s___m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
146. visit to the veterinary cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

ANSWERS: 136. accommodating, 137. spaceship, 138. tremendous, 139. extend, 140. paradigm, 141. efficiency, 142. burning, 143. complicated, 144. efficient, 145. slum, 146. clinic

147. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
148. 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
149. te_____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
150. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
151. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
152. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
153. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
154. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
155. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
156. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

ANSWERS: 147. profound, 148. overnight, 149. terrain, 150. enthusiasm, 151. phenomenon, 152. deliberate, 153. government, 154. obsess, 155. predict, 156. characteristic

157. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
158. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
159. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
160. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
161. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
162. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
163. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
164. m__d service *n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
165. ki_____c friction *adj.* of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion
166. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
167. f__x density *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
168. 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

ANSWERS: 157. tremendous, 158. massive, 159. enterprise, 160. celebrate, 161. complicated, 162. globe, 163. wrap, 164. maid, 165. kinetic, 166. transformation, 167. flux, 168. overnight

169. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
170. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
171. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
172. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
173. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
174. re_____h of democracy *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
175. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
176. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
177. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
178. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 169. compelling, 170. predictable, 171. celebrate, 172. whisper, 173. relevance, 174. rebirth, 175. temporary, 176. pole, 177. phenomenon, 178. temple

179. the set_____nt of a dispute *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
180. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
181. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
182. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
183. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
184. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
185. product ex___y *n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
186. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
187. ba___o flooring *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

ANSWERS: 179. settlement, 180. architect, 181. swell, 182. employ, 183. festival, 184. sew, 185. expiry, 186. grand, 187. bamboo

188. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
189. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
190. single et____c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
191. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
192. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
193. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
194. the ch_____ry of soil *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
195. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 188. attract, 189. enterprise, 190. ethnic, 191. mobility, 192. imaginary, 193. screw, 194. chemistry, 195. function

196. the common but nu____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
197. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
198. mo____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
199. lose ent____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
200. fa____a neighborhood *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
201. an ag____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
202. remote hin____nd *n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
203. pap____che sculpture *n.* a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects
204. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 196. nuanced, 197. margin, 198. monsoon, 199. enthusiasm, 200. favela, 201. aggregate, 202. hinterland, 203. papier-mache, 204. visual

205. card with no foreign tra_____ on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
206. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
207. cor_____ed metal roofing *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
208. ex_____y notice *n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license
209. ex_____d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
210. con_____te in a mosque *v.* to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area
211. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
212. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
213. no_____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
214. do_____ur of criticism *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
215. the halo of a sa_____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

ANSWERS: 205. transaction, 206. festival, 207. corrugated, 208. expiry, 209. extend, 210. congregate, 211. incredible, 212. resilient, 213. nomadic, 214. downpour, 215. sacred

216. a te____al restriction *adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
217. a bullet left un____d *adj.* not being used, or never having been used
218. undergo a re____h *n.* the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
219. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
220. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
221. classic arc____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
222. neo____al ideology *adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation
223. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
224. energy-ef____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
225. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
226. Platonic di____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

ANSWERS: 216. temporal, 217. unused, 218. rebirth, 219. swell, 220. urban, 221. architecture, 222. neo-liberal, 223. invention, 224. efficient, 225. cycle, 226. dialogue

227. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
228. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
229. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
230. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
231. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
232. with respect to et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
233. pr_____ss of the Moon *n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
234. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

ANSWERS: 227. structure, 228. spot, 229. function, 230. capture, 231. liberate, 232. ethnicity, 233. priestess, 234. efficiently

235. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
236. st___c electricity *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
237. a speech co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
238. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
239. protect an____ty *n.* the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
240. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
241. de____e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
242. express am____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
243. a sp____ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
244. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 235. wrap, 236. static, 237. contest, 238. suddenly, 239. anonymity, 240. planet, 241. devolve, 242. amazement, 243. spaceship, 244. enormous

245. neo_____al economic model *adj.* relating to a modern political and economic philosophy that emphasizes the promotion of free markets, limited government intervention, privatization, and deregulation
246. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
247. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
248. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
249. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
250. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
251. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
252. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
253. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
254. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
255. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

ANSWERS: 245. neo-liberal, 246. relevance, 247. capture, 248. kit, 249. visual, 250. facilitate, 251. resist, 252. twitch, 253. ephemeral, 254. abandon, 255. transaction

256. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
257. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
258. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
259. te_____al history *adj.* of or relating to time as opposed to eternity
260. around the gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
261. rusty n___l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
262. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
263. dis_____le furniture *v.* to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
264. ar___e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
265. retie the st___g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 256. governance, 257. facilitate, 258. amazing, 259. temporal, 260. globe, 261. nail, 262. mobility, 263. disassemble, 264. argue, 265. string

266. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
267. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
268. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
269. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
270. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
271. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
272. long-term per_____ce *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
273. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
274. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
275. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
276. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

ANSWERS: 266. infrastructure, 267. permanent, 268. sweep, 269. reverse, 270. shift, 271. grid, 272. permanence, 273. incredibly, 274. responsible, 275. fascinating, 276. predictable

277. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
278. 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
279. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
280. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
281. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
282. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
283. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
284. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
285. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
286. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 277. urban, 278. pitch, 279. spite, 280. disappear, 281. fascinating, 282. institutionalize, 283. spite, 284. government, 285. bless, 286. comparison

287. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
288. an int_____al walk *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
289. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
290. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
291. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
292. cr_____t match *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
293. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
294. a paper ed_____n *n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
295. vo_____le markets *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
296. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 287. sand, 288. intentional, 289. allocate, 290. deliberate, 291. climate, 292. cricket, 293. planet, 294. edition, 295. volatile, 296. invention

297. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
298. an un_____d place *adj.* not being used, or never having been used
299. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
300. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
301. f__x of particles *n.* the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
302. op_____l for intellectual growth *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
303. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
304. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
305. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
306. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
307. st_____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

ANSWERS: 297. refugee, 298. unused, 299. efficiency, 300. architecture, 301. flux, 302. optimal, 303. allocate, 304. ephemeral, 305. pole, 306. resilient, 307. stunning

308. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
309. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
310. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
311. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
312. me_____ty pollution *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
313. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
314. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
315. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
316. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
317. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

ANSWERS: 308. electrify, 309. communal, 310. compelling, 311. constant, 312. megacity, 313. liberate, 314. argue, 315. suburb, 316. adjust, 317. slum

318. 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
319. data ag_____te
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
320. te____e complex
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
321. re_____e the right
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
322. rev_____le fabrics
adj. capable of being turned or done in the opposite direction or way; capable of being reversed or undone
323. street ve____r
n. a person or company that sells goods or services
324. et____c minority
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
325. comment with an_____ty
n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
326. the most am_____g feeling
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
327. a waiting m__d
n. a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work

ANSWERS: 318. embrace, 319. aggregate, 320. temple, 321. reserve, 322. reversible, 323. vendor, 324. ethnic, 325. anonymity, 326. amazing, 327. maid

328. daub the ceiling with pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
329. set_____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
330. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
331. a hand-loomed fa____c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
332. pap_____che ball *n.* a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects
333. torrential do_____ur *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
334. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
335. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
336. elect police com_____ners *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

ANSWERS: 328. plaster, 329. settlement, 330. stunning, 331. fabric, 332. papier-mache, 333. downpour, 334. landscape, 335. responsible, 336. commissioner

337. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
338. se_____al allergies *adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons
339. achieve op_____l health *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
340. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
341. tw____h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
342. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
343. imp_____nt hair color *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting
344. pa_____e in a celebration *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
345. mi_____l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
346. take an acc_____ing view *adj.* helpful and willing to assist or make room for someone or something
347. a l____n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
348. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

ANSWERS: 337. incredible, 338. seasonal, 339. optimal, 340. dialogue, 341. twitch, 342. capitalism, 343. impermanent, 344. partake, 345. minimal, 346. accommodating, 347. lean, 348. clinic

349. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
350. ba___o crafts *n.* a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures
351. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
352. a fine adj_____nt *n.* a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
353. am___e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
354. com_____ner of patent office *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
355. se_____al fruits *adj.* occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons
356. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
357. re___l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

ANSWERS: 349. climate, 350. bamboo, 351. governance, 352. adjustment, 353. amuse, 354. commissioner, 355. seasonal, 356. vision, 357. retail

358. ma____e stars

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 358. massive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.
v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

2. The stalks of _____ can grow up to a foot per day in optimal conditions.
n. a fast-growing plant that has long, hollow stems and is widely used as a building material, food source, and decorative element, especially in Asian cultures

3. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

4. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.
n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

5. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

6. 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

7. This dessert is the territory of _____ tribes.
adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

ANSWERS: 1. extend, 2. bamboo, 3. Constant, 4. ethnicity, 5. swelling, 6. embrace, 7. nomadic

8. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

9. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

10. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

11. The _____ store was a great way to test the market for the new product.

n. an item, event, or shop that appears or happens suddenly, unexpectedly, and usually for a limited time; (verb) to appear or open suddenly and unexpectedly, as a window or menu on a computer screen

12. 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

13. The pumpkin patch only operates during the _____ fall months.

adj. occurring or varying according to the season or time of year; related to or affected by the changing seasons

14. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

15. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 8. clinic, 9. nail, 10. permanent, 11. pop-up, 12. complicated, 13. seasonal, 14. massive, 15. fabrics

16. The skin of a snake is remarkably _____ allowing it to slither through tight spaces.
adj. flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
17. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
18. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
19. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
20. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
21. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
22. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
23. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 16. elastic, 17. Climate, 18. Grid, 19. blessed, 20. reversed, 21. screw, 22. slums, 23. reserve

24. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

25. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

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

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

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

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

28. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

29. The king's political power _____ even further.

v. to pull back or move away or backward

30. A rainbow is a natural _____.

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

31. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

ANSWERS: 24. incredibly, 25. consume, 26. responsible, 27. reversible, 28. visual, 29. receded, 30. phenomenon, 31. intentional

32. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
33. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.
- n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
34. This space is a private office _____ to the President
- adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
35. Nerve _____ cross a synapse through the action of neurotransmitters.
- n.* a sudden strong and unreflective wish or need to do something; the electrical discharge that travels along a nerve fiber
36. Patience is the _____ of all sores.
- n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
37. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
38. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 32. refugees, 33. Pole, 34. sacred, 35. impulses, 36. plaster, 37. invention, 38. religion

39. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
40. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
41. Wild animals need to go forward with the _____ action to survive.
adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
42. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
43. The use of pseudonyms allows individuals to maintain their _____ online.
n. the condition of being anonymous or unidentified; the state of not revealing one's name, identity, or other personal information
44. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
45. The town's population was in _____ with many people moving in and out.
n. the state of constantly changing or flowing; the rate of flow of energy or particles across a particular place
46. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 39. argue, 40. adjust, 41. optimal, 42. ethnic, 43. anonymity, 44. sew, 45. flux, 46. shift

47. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
48. The _____ at the market sold the freshest produce I have ever tasted.
n. a person or company that sells goods or services
49. Let's all _____ in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.
v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
50. The government's attempts to infiltrate the terrorist group were largely _____.
adj. failing to accomplish an intended result or having an unfavorable outcome; not successful
51. The hotel staff was very _____ and helped us with our requests.
adj. helpful and willing to assist or make room for someone or something
52. The mechanic had to _____ the engine to locate and fix the problem.
v. to take apart, dismantle, or separate a device, machine, or other objects into its parts or components
53. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
54. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 47. exposed, 48. vendor, 49. partake, 50. unsuccessful, 51. accommodating, 52. disassemble, 53. vision, 54. globe

55. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
56. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.
n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
57. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
58. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
59. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
60. He became an audit _____ because of his years of experience as an accountant.
n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
61. Many _____ residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.
n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
62. The _____ rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.
n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

ANSWERS: 55. unfortunately, 56. terrain, 57. temple, 58. disappear, 59. grand, 60. commissioner, 61. favela, 62. monsoon

63. The _____ bridge was built to allow traffic to cross the river during the construction of the new bridge.

- n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing

64. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.

- n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

65. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

66. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.

- n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

67. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

68. Their relationship was _____ and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.

- adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive

69. The _____ cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

- adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

ANSWERS: 63. pontoon, 64. midnight, 65. urban, 66. characteristic, 67. sand, 68. volatile, 69. corrugated

70. The _____ nature of the universe is a subject of much debate among scientists.

adj. of or relating to time as opposed to eternity

71. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

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

72. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

73. The sound of the _____ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

74. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

75. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

76. The defendant entered a _____ of not guilty during his trial.

n. an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

77. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

ANSWERS: 70. temporal, 71. Capitalism, 72. emerged, 73. crickets, 74. nuanced, 75. resist, 76. plea, 77. twitching

78. The concentrated _____ was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.
- n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
79. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
- n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
80. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
81. 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
82. They launched a crewless _____ into space.
- n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
83. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
84. The _____ of the temple led the ceremony with grace and wisdom.
- n.* a female priest, especially one who is associated with a non-Christian religion or ancient belief system
85. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 78. downpour, 79. governance, 80. employ, 81. efficient, 82. spaceship, 83. government, 84. priestess, 85. comparison

86. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

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

87. The castle was _____ several years later.

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

88. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

89. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

90. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

91. The _____ nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.

adj. not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

92. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

93. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

94. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.

adj. undamaged and complete

ANSWERS: 86. obsessed, 87. abandoned, 88. incredible, 89. paradigm, 90. electrify, 91. impermanent, 92. suddenly, 93. retail, 94. intact

95. The magician's disappearing act left the audience in _____.
- n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
96. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling _____.
- n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
97. He is familiar with _____ and biology.
- n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
98. 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
99. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
- n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
100. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
- n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
101. 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
102. 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

ANSWERS: 95. amazement, 96. megacity, 97. chemistry, 98. overnight, 99. aggregate, 100. contest, 101. allocated, 102. pitch

103. The vast _____ region was filled with untamed wilderness and natural wonders.
- n.* the remote or less developed areas beyond the main urban areas or centers of activity; a region lying inland from a port or coastal settlement
104. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
105. The live-in _____ came in to clean the room every day.
- n.* a girl or young woman employed to do domestic work
106. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
107. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
- adj.* extremely large or great
108. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.
- n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
109. 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
110. The _____ energy of the falling object increased as it fell.
- adj.* of or relating to motion or the forces that cause motion

ANSWERS: 103. hinterland, 104. process, 105. maid, 106. planet, 107. enormous, 108. confluence, 109. capture, 110. kinetic

111. The positive attitude of the supervisor _____ the discussion.
v. to make something full of interest and energy
112. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
113. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
114. The _____ of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.
n. the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
115. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
116. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
117. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
118. As time has passed, the responsibility has _____ to the younger generation.
v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

ANSWERS: 111. animated, 112. transactions, 113. liberated, 114. permanence, 115. attract, 116. transformations, 117. function, 118. devolved

119. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.
v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
120. He assumed the role of the arbitral _____ of the controversy.
n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
121. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
adj. intense or scorching heat
122. The phoenix is a symbol of _____ rising from the ashes to be reborn anew.
n. the process of being reborn or starting anew, especially after a period of decline or stagnation
123. The old entrance area is now _____.
adj. not being used, or never having been used
124. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
125. The kids were excited to go to the _____ and see the clowns and animals perform.
n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
126. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 119. sweep, 120. adjustment, 121. burning, 122. rebirth, 123. unused, 124. stunning, 125. circus, 126. imaginary

127. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

- n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

128. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

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

- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

130. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

131. The country's domestic coal consumption has been _____ declining for decades.

- adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

132. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

133. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

134. I have limited _____ in my arms.

- n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

ANSWERS: 127. festival, 128. institutionalize, 129. resilient, 130. string, 131. continuously, 132. landscape, 133. structure, 134. mobility

135. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
136. The process was carried out at _____ cost.
adj. tiny in amount; the least possible
137. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.
v. to make something easier or more likely to happen
138. I bought a new tool ____ for my home repair projects.
n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
139. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
140. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
141. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
142. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
143. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 135. efficiently, 136. minimal, 137. facilitate, 138. kit, 139. Lean, 140. whispered, 141. margin, 142. architecture, 143. predict

144. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

145. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

146. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

147. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

148. The kids had fun making _____ masks for their school play.

n. a craft or artistic technique involving the use of paper strips or pulp, typically mixed with glue or paste, to create sculptures, masks, and other objects

149. The _____ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

150. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

151. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.

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

ANSWERS: 144. Wrap, 145. amused, 146. fascinating, 147. enterprise, 148. papier-mache, 149. static, 150. infrastructure, 151. spite,

152. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

153. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

154. 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.

155. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

156. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

157. They issued a limited _____ of the artist's recordings.

n. a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;

158. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

159. We had a _____ time yesterday.

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

ANSWERS: 152. relevance, 153. absorbs, 154. inefficient, 155. profound, 156. temporary, 157. edition, 158. architect, 159. tremendous

160. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

161. The government's _____ policies prioritize free-market capitalism over social welfare programs.

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

162. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

163. His success as a famous actor was _____.

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

164. 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

165. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

166. The protesters plan to _____ in front of the city hall to raise awareness for their cause.

v. to come together or gather in a group or assembly; to collect or accumulate in a particular place or area

167. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 160. amazing, 161. neo-liberal, 162. dialogue, 163. ephemeral, 164. efficiency, 165. enthusiasm, 166. congregate, 167. suburbs

168. The baseball _____ was filled with excited fans eagerly awaiting the start of the game.

n. a large, usually roofless building with tiers of seats for spectators at sports or other events

169. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

170. The economy is experiencing severe _____.

n. a decrease in the general price level of goods and services; the act of letting the air out of something

171. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

172. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

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

173. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

174. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

175. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

ANSWERS: 168. stadium, 169. cycle, 170. deflation, 171. spot, 172. predictable, 173. deliberate, 174. settlement, 175. compelling

176. The tubules are responsible for the _____ of sodium once filtered by the kidneys.

- n.* the organic process in which the substance of some differentiated structure that has been produced by the body undergoes lysis and assimilation

177. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

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

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

179. Make sure to check the _____ date on the milk before using it.

- n.* the end of the validity or duration of something, such as an insurance policy, contract, or license

ANSWERS: 176. reabsorption, 177. Communal, 178. celebrated, 179. expiry