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Session 1: Word List

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym : vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

digital

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

the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym : administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

billionaire

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

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

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

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

binary

n. a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
synonym : twofold, double

(1) a **binary** number, (2) trading in **binary** options

A **binary** star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym : boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

doomsday

n. the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event

synonym : Day of Judgment, Last Judgement

(1) **doomsday** scenario, (2) economic **doomsday**

This task is going to take me till **doomsday**.

bunker

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

synonym : shelter, fortification, defense

(1) coal **bunker**, (2) **bunker** facility

The soldiers took cover in the dug-out **bunker** during the bombing.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

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.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace

synonym : disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

obsolete

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

synonym: ancient, bygone, outdated

(1) an **obsolete** word, (2) become **obsolete**

New technology has rendered my old smartphone **obsolete**.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym: absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym: helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

unbridled

adj. lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled

synonym: unrestrained, unchecked, unfettered

(1) **unbridled** power, (2) **unbridled** creativity

Her **unbridled** enthusiasm for the project helped to motivate the team.

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.

span

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

synonym: interval, period, length

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

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

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

mathematics

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

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

quantum

n. the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

(1) probabilistic **quantum** theory, (2) laws of **quantum** mechanics

Big techs are now eager to develop **quantum** computers.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

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

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

role-play

v. to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment

synonym: act out, simulate, dramatize

(1) **role-play** a conversation, (2) **role-play** exercise
We had to **role-play** a difficult customer service scenario during our training session.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

boom

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

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

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

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

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym: drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

steroid

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

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

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

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym : tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different

scenarios

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

futurist

n. a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold

synonym : foreseer, prophet, fortune-teller

(1) **futurist** architecture, (2) **futurist** ideas

The radical **futurist** predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

zero-sum

adj. referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

synonym : equivalent, balanced, even-handed

(1) **zero-sum** economics, (2) **zero-sum** mentality

In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a **zero-sum** game, with only one player able to win each match.

winner-takes-all

adj. a competition or situation in which the winner gains all the rewards, prizes, or benefits while the losers receive nothing or very little

(1) **winner-takes-all** mentality, (2) **winner-takes-all** competition

The competition was a **winner-takes-all** event, with only the first-place winner receiving a prize.

competition

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

synonym : contest, match, fight

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

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

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

prediction

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

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

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

These results muddied the **prediction**.

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.

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.

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression
He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual

synonym: originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention
In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**
The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

statistics

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

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

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

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

app

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

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

rapport

n. a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well

synonym : harmony, understanding, connection

(1) **rapport-building**, (2) be in **rapport** with him

The team leader worked hard to build a strong **rapport** with all team members.

solidarity

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

synonym : unity, cooperation, mutual support

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

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

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error
This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

iris *n.* the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris

synonym: pupil, diaphragm, aperture

(1) blue **iris**, (2) **iris** pattern

The **iris** of the eye contracts and expands to control the amount of light that enters.

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

evolution *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

breath *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym: air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

synchronize *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements

are perfectly **synchronized**.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

oxytocin

n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

(1) **oxytocin-degrading** enzyme, (2) **oxytocin** receptor

Women may increase **oxytocin** production through romantic love.

bond

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

synonym: bind, adhesion, attachment

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

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

fidelity

n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

synonym: loyalty, devotion, allegiance

(1) **fidelity** guarantee deposit, (2) high **fidelity** music

The couple promised each other **fidelity** in their marriage VOWS.

promote

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

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior
The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching
That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity
These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**
Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

engender

v. to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

synonym : beget, spawn, generate

(1) **engender** a crisis, (2) **engender** the trust
The discussion about war helps **engender** a sense of shared humanity.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym : alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym : translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

compensation

n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury

synonym : reparation, allowance, reward

(1) unemployment **compensation**, (2) other forms of **compensation**

He claimed **compensation** for the injury.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym: digger, excavator, miner

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

corporation

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

synonym: business, company, enterprise

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

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

externalize

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

synonym: express, manifest, materialize

(1) **externalize** responsibilities, (2) **externalize** costs

It's important to **externalize** your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

algorithm

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

synonym: logic, method, rule

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

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

slot

n. a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place

synonym : notch, groove, channel

(1) memory **slot**, (2) mail **slot**

I inserted the coin into the **slot** and hit the button to start the game.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym : enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym : thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

shareholder

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

synonym : stockholder, shareowner, investor

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

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

insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

synonym : isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity

We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

goggle

v. to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

synonym : gaze, gawk, gape

(1) **goggle** his eyes, (2) infrared **goggles**

The software company bought the VR **goggles** manufacturer.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

slavery

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

synonym : bondage, servitude, enslavement

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

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

pollution

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

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

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

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

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym : captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

labor

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

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

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

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

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

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

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

trek

n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

synonym : journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym : principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also

a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

optimize

v. to make the best or most effective use of something
synonym : advance, amend, improve

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

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

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

defend

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

synonym : protect, guard, support

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

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

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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.

deserve

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

synonym : merit, earn, justify

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

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

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

sci-fi

n. (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.

(1) a **sci-fi** movie, (2) avid **sci-fi** fan

He is a gadget buff and **sci-fi** enthusiast.

zombie

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a

mechanical or apathetic way

synonym : living dead, ghost, machine

(1) **zombie** bank, (2) **zombie** movie

If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a **zombie** at work.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym : move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym : determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

transhuman

adj. relating to or denoting a hypothetical evolutionary stage beyond our current human form, often involving advanced technology or genetic engineering

synonym : cybernetic, posthuman

(1) **transhuman** philosophy, (2) **transhuman** evolution
Transhuman technology promises to enhance human abilities beyond what is currently possible.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

singularity

n. (of black holes) a point or region in space-time where the gravitational field is infinite, and matter and energy are infinitely dense; the state, fact, quality, or condition of being one of a kind

synonym : black hole, individualism, uniqueness

(1) black hole **singularity**, (2) the **singularity** of the Divine

Scientists have predicted that the universe will end in a **singularity**, where all matter will collapse into an infinitely dense point.

evolutionary

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

synonym : developmental, mutative, transformative

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

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

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym : languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym: transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

extinction

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

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

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

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.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym : uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing

The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym : eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate

One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched socks.

hubris

n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

synonym: arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym: fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all

the mushrooms in it.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym: food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

reject

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

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

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

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

retrieve

v. to find or get something back

synonym: recover, fetch, regain

(1) **retrieve** the lost wallet, (2) send and **retrieve** e-mail

She **retrieved** the book from the shelf.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym: entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor
The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

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.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym : opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym : cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution
The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym: flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

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.

cooperative

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

synonym: harmonious, collegial, helpful

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

We appreciate your **cooperative** efforts.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ev___e | <i>v.</i> to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually |
| 2. co____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 3. memory s__t | <i>n.</i> a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place |
| 4. ma____l powers | <i>adj.</i> produced by or containing supernatural powers |
| 5. su____e a plane crash | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 6. senseless sl____er | <i>n.</i> the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals |
| 7. trading of vi____l currencies | <i>adj.</i> being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact |
| 8. a nu____nt for hair | <i>n.</i> any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things |
| 9. hold your br___h | <i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs |
| 10. br___h of wind | <i>n.</i> the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs |

ANSWERS: 1. evolve, 2. communal, 3. slot, 4. magical, 5. survive, 6. slaughter, 7. virtual, 8. nutrient, 9. breath, 10. breath

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| 11. nu_____nt medicine | <i>n.</i> any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things |
| 12. b_t my future | <i>v.</i> to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something |
| 13. French pa_____x | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 14. re_____s gene expression | <i>v.</i> to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories |
| 15. binational ac____d | <i>n.</i> an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have |
| 16. a bac_____nd color | <i>n.</i> the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem |
| 17. su_____e a blizzard | <i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 18. su_____e beforehand | <i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible |
| 19. business ho_____n | <i>n.</i> the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated |
| 20. s__p on the back | <i>v.</i> to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly |

ANSWERS: 11. nutrient, 12. bet, 13. paradox, 14. repress, 15. accord, 16. background, 17. survive, 18. suppose, 19. horizon, 20. slap

21. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
22. a sc___i movie *n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
23. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
24. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
25. po_____ss in the organization *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
26. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
27. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
28. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
29. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
30. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
31. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 21. defend, 22. sci-fi, 23. conscious, 24. mess, 25. powerless, 26. app, 27. prediction, 28. virtual, 29. statistics, 30. catastrophe, 31. creative

32. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
33. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
34. be in ra_____t with him *n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well
35. op_____ze control for cooling *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
36. ne___n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
37. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
38. the sin_____ty of the Divine *n.* (of black holes) a point or region in space-time where the gravitational field is infinite, and matter and energy are infinitely dense; the state, fact, quality, or condition of being one of a kind
39. tra_____an evolution *adj.* relating to or denoting a hypothetical evolutionary stage beyond our current human form, often involving advanced technology or genetic engineering
40. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 32. rocket, 33. chip, 34. rapport, 35. optimize, 36. neuron, 37. maintain, 38. singularity, 39. transhuman, 40. communicate

41. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
42. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
43. become ob_____te *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
44. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
45. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
46. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
47. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
48. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
49. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
50. 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
51. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

ANSWERS: 41. democracy, 42. influence, 43. obsolete, 44. embed, 45. weird, 46. suppose, 47. distribute, 48. catastrophe, 49. device, 50. planet, 51. dumb

52. nuclear ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
53. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
54. un___t in the city *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
55. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
56. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
57. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
58. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
59. un_____ed creativity *adj.* lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled
60. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
61. win_____all mentality *adj.* a competition or situation in which the winner gains all the rewards, prizes, or benefits while the losers receive nothing or very little
62. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 52. physics, 53. invite, 54. unrest, 55. competitive, 56. competitive, 57. extinction, 58. inevitable, 59. unbridled, 60. distribute, 61. winner-takes-all, 62. evolution

63. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
64. personality qu__k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
65. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
66. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
67. a bird in a c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
68. infrared go___es *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
69. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
70. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
71. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
72. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 63. infrastructure, 64. quirk, 65. slavery, 66. synchronize, 67. cage, 68. goggle, 69. zoom, 70. chaos, 71. evolve, 72. resolve

73. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
74. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
75. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
76. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
77. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
78. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
79. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
80. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 73. powerless, 74. monopoly, 75. span, 76. defend, 77. slaughter, 78. extract, 79. predict, 80. promote

81. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
82. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
83. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
84. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
85. 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
86. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
87. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
88. an ob_____te word *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
89. mi__r strike *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

ANSWERS: 81. vast, 82. rocket, 83. fantasy, 84. boom, 85. embrace, 86. silicon, 87. mess, 88. obsolete, 89. miner

90. ex_____ge rate
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
91. re_____ve the lost wallet
v. to find or get something back
92. a st_____d hormone
n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
93. a bold hyp_____is
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
94. laws of qu_____m mechanics
n. the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
95. in_____e heat
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
96. have apo_____ic overtones
adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
97. the to__h of learning
n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
98. fi_____ty guarantee deposit
n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

ANSWERS: 90. exchange, 91. retrieve, 92. steroid, 93. hypothesis, 94. quantum, 95. intense, 96. apocalyptic, 97. torch, 98. fidelity

99. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
100. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
101. mat____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
102. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
103. syn____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
104. lymphatic cir____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
105. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
106. a bi____y number *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
107. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

ANSWERS: 99. labor, 100. humming, 101. mathematics, 102. predict, 103. synchronize, 104. circulation, 105. economy, 106. binary, 107. zoom

108. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
109. the pa____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
110. co____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
111. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
112. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
113. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
114. Silicon Valley bil____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
115. fu____st architecture *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
116. ze____um economics *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero

ANSWERS: 108. digital, 109. paradox, 110. conscious, 111. rid, 112. movement, 113. rid, 114. billionaire, 115. futurist, 116. zero-sum

117. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
118. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
119. 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
120. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
121. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
122. time ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
123. in_____te the room from sound *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
124. i__s pattern *n.* the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris
125. ext_____ze costs *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

ANSWERS: 117. fantasy, 118. imaginary, 119. embrace, 120. destroy, 121. weird, 122. extension, 123. insulate, 124. iris, 125. externalize

126. sol_____ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
127. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
128. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
129. bit of a no_____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
130. ext_____ze responsibilities *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
131. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
132. fu_____st ideas *n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
133. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
134. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 126. solidarity, 127. digital, 128. embed, 129. novelty, 130. externalize, 131. slave, 132. futurist, 133. deserve, 134. nuclear

135. avid sc___i fan *n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
136. ro_____ay exercise *v.* to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment
137. t__k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
138. the sha_____er's meeting *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
139. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
140. cir_____on of money *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
141. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
142. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 135. sci-fi, 136. role-play, 137. trek, 138. shareholder, 139. adversary, 140. circulation, 141. resolve, 142. background

143. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
144. ts_____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
145. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
146. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
147. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
148. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
149. re___t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
150. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
151. up___d documents to the portal *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 143. hail, 144. tsunami, 145. bond, 146. maintain, 147. environmentalist, 148. dot, 149. resort, 150. imaginary, 151. upload

152. gain sha_____er approval *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
153. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
154. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
155. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
156. do_____ay scenario *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
157. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
158. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
159. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
160. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
161. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others

ANSWERS: 152. shareholder, 153. coal, 154. horizon, 155. exclusive, 156. doomsday, 157. apocalyptic, 158. adversary, 159. evolutionary, 160. accord, 161. exclusive

162. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
163. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
164. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
165. blo_____in platform *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
166. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
167. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
168. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

ANSWERS: 162. app, 163. pump, 164. Renaissance, 165. blockchain, 166. evolutionary, 167. panel, 168. resort

169. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
170. the no____y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
171. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
172. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
173. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
174. in____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
175. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
176. 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
177. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
178. a profound in____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 169. ethos, 170. novelty, 171. investor, 172. movement, 173. climate, 174. invite, 175. torch, 176. planet, 177. boom, 178. insight

179. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
180. en_____er the trust *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
181. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
182. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
183. black hole sin_____ty *n.* (of black holes) a point or region in space-time where the gravitational field is infinite, and matter and energy are infinitely dense; the state, fact, quality, or condition of being one of a kind
184. in_____te electricity *v.* to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.
185. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
186. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
187. high fi_____ty music *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
188. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 179. participate, 180. engender, 181. pollution, 182. participate, 183. singularity, 184. insulate, 185. billionaire, 186. argument, 187. fidelity, 188. corporation

189. ro_____ay a conversation *v.* to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment
190. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
191. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
192. coo_____ve savings *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
193. send and re_____ve e-mail *v.* to find or get something back
194. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
195. ox_____in-degrading enzyme *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
196. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
197. un_____ed power *adj.* lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled

ANSWERS: 189. role-play, 190. humming, 191. core, 192. cooperative, 193. retrieve, 194. solidarity, 195. oxytocin, 196. monopoly, 197. unbridled

198. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
199. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
200. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
201. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
202. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
203. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
204. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
205. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
206. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
207. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 198. hire, 199. mathematics, 200. transparent, 201. ambiguity, 202. ethos, 203. communicate, 204. silicon, 205. mushroom, 206. dignity, 207. labor

208. bu___r facility *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
209. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
210. ra_____t-building *n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well
211. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
212. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
213. mail s__t *n.* a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
214. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
215. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 208. bunker, 209. coal, 210. rapport, 211. infrastructure, 212. assume, 213. slot, 214. slave, 215. dot

216. ts_____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
217. hu____s in business *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
218. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
219. op_____ze a process *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
220. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
221. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
222. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
223. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
224. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 216. tsunami, 217. hubris, 218. creative, 219. optimize, 220. manufacture, 221. ambiguity, 222. democracy, 223. executive, 224. nuclear

225. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
226. tra_____an philosophy *adj.* relating to or denoting a hypothetical evolutionary stage beyond our current human form, often involving advanced technology or genetic engineering
227. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
228. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
229. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
230. mi__r industry *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
231. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
232. up____d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

ANSWERS: 225. influence, 226. transhuman, 227. extinct, 228. pump, 229. blame, 230. miner, 231. span, 232. upload

233. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
234. trading in bi___y options *n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
235. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
236. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
237. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
238. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
239. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
240. cannot re_____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
241. cause un___t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
242. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

ANSWERS: 233. spare, 234. binary, 235. intelligence, 236. mushroom, 237. platform, 238. climate, 239. promote, 240. repress, 241. unrest, 242. augment

243. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
244. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
245. other forms of com_____ion *n.* something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
246. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
247. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
248. horseback t__k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
249. win_____all competition *adj.* a competition or situation in which the winner gains all the rewards, prizes, or benefits while the losers receive nothing or very little
250. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
251. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 243. reject, 244. bond, 245. compensation, 246. blame, 247. addict, 248. trek, 249. winner-takes-all, 250. platform, 251. intelligence

252. economic do_____ay *n.* the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
253. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
254. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
255. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
256. zo___e movie *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
257. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
258. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
259. political hu___s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

ANSWERS: 252. doomsday, 253. vast, 254. transparent, 255. prediction, 256. zombie, 257. pollution, 258. exchange, 259. hubris

260. au____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
261. sl____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
262. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
263. col____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
264. the RSA al____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
265. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
266. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
267. sub____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
268. excite the ne____ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 260. augment, 261. slavery, 262. slap, 263. collaborate, 264. algorithm, 265. fade, 266. confer, 267. substitute, 268. neuron

269. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
270. unemployment com_____ion *n.* something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
271. an insect c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
272. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
273. botanical ex____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
274. zo___e bank *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
275. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
276. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
277. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

ANSWERS: 269. argument, 270. compensation, 271. cage, 272. novel, 273. extract, 274. zombie, 275. manufacture, 276. competition, 277. din

278. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
279. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
280. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
281. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
282. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
283. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
284. go___e his eyes *v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes
285. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
286. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
287. Internet ad____t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
288. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
289. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 278. extinct, 279. assume, 280. din, 281. magical, 282. utterly, 283. inevitable, 284. goggle, 285. novel, 286. dumb, 287. addict, 288. utterly, 289. corporation

290. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
291. a qu__k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
292. sub_____te teacher *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
293. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
294. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
295. blue i__s *n.* the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris
296. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
297. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
298. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 290. technological, 291. quirk, 292. substitute, 293. communal, 294. economy, 295. iris, 296. distinguish, 297. distinguish, 298. destroy

299. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
300. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
301. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
302. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
303. telephone ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
304. ze_____um mentality *adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
305. the scalability of blo_____in *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

ANSWERS: 299. chaos, 300. chip, 301. bet, 302. develop, 303. extension, 304. zero-sum, 305. blockchain

306. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
307. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
308. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
309. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
310. 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
311. st_____d abuse *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
312. probabilistic qu_____m theory *n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
313. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
314. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 306. device, 307. scenario, 308. statistics, 309. confer, 310. landscape, 311. steroid, 312. quantum, 313. collaborate, 314. technological

315. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
316. ox_____in receptor *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
317. coal bu___r *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
318. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
319. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
320. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
321. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
322. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
323. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
324. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 315. reject, 316. oxytocin, 317. bunker, 318. deserve, 319. competition, 320. hire, 321. dignity, 322. Renaissance, 323. core, 324. hail

325. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
326. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
327. 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
328. en_____er a crisis *v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to
329. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
330. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
331. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
332. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
333. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

ANSWERS: 325. spare, 326. executive, 327. landscape, 328. engender, 329. environmentalist, 330. insight, 331. fade, 332. scenario, 333. extinction

334. fishing coo_____ve *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
335. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
336. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
337. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
338. laws of ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
339. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
340. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
341. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
342. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 334. cooperative, 335. investor, 336. hypothesis, 337. intense, 338. physics, 339. panel, 340. algorithm, 341. evolution, 342. develop

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
 - n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

2. The _____ of the eye contracts and expands to control the amount of light that enters.
 - n.* the colored part of the eye that surrounds the pupil; a flower with showy petals, named for its resemblance to the eye's iris

3. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
 - n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

4. The discussion about war helps _____ a sense of shared humanity.
 - v.* to make a feeling or situation exist; to cause or give rise to

5. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
 - v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

6. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
 - v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

7. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
 - v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 1. extracting, 2. iris, 3. slave, 4. engender, 5. slap, 6. evolved, 7. collaborate

8. Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of _____ technology.
- n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
9. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
10. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
11. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
12. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
13. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
14. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 8. blockchain, 9. resort, 10. statistics, 11. quirks, 12. transparent, 13. dignity, 14. exchange

15. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
16. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
17. A _____ star is a system in which two stars revolve around each other.
- n.* a system of numbers that uses only two digits, 0 and 1
18. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
19. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
20. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
21. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.
- v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
22. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

ANSWERS: 15. renaissance, 16. mushroom, 17. binary, 18. defend, 19. participated, 20. physics, 21. zoomed, 22. dots

23. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

24. We appreciate your _____ efforts.

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

25. Big techs are now eager to develop _____ computers.

n. the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

26. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

27. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

28. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

29. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

30. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 23. cage, 24. cooperative, 25. quantum, 26. influence, 27. panel, 28. upload, 29. imaginary, 30. fade,

31. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
32. Scientists have predicted that the universe will end in a _____ where all matter will collapse into an infinitely dense point.
- n.* (of black holes) a point or region in space-time where the gravitational field is infinite, and matter and energy are infinitely dense; the state, fact, quality, or condition of being one of a kind
33. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.
- n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
34. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
35. In some sports, such as tennis, the competition is a _____ game, with only one player able to win each match.
- adj.* referring to a situation in which an equal loss offsets each gain; describing a condition in which the total gains and losses balance to zero
36. The team leader worked hard to build a strong _____ with all team members.
- n.* a close and harmonious relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well
37. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 31. maintain, 32. singularity, 33. ambiguity, 34. hypothesis, 35. zero-sum, 36. rapport, 37. movement

38. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
39. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
40. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
41. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.
n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
42. 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
43. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
44. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
45. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
adj. not divided or shared with others

ANSWERS: 38. labor, 39. span, 40. cores, 41. catastrophe, 42. planet, 43. hire, 44. embedded, 45. exclusive

46. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.
v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
47. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
48. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
49. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
50. This task is going to take me till _____.
n. the last day of the world when Christians believe that God will judge everyone; an unpleasant or disastrous event
51. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.
n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
52. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
53. We had our bedroom _____ before winter came.
v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

ANSWERS: 46. distinguished, 47. rejected, 48. digital, 49. suppose, 50. doomsday, 51. slaughter, 52. dumb, 53. insulated

54. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

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

55. The soldiers took cover in the dug-out _____ during the bombing.

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

56. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

57. 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

58. The competition was a _____ event, with only the first-place winner receiving a prize.

adj. a competition or situation in which the winner gains all the rewards, prizes, or benefits while the losers receive nothing or very little

59. The self-made _____ donated millions to charity.

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

60. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

ANSWERS: 54. creative, 55. bunker, 56. spare, 57. embrace, 58. winner-takes-all, 59. billionaire, 60. Silicon

61. The workers showed _____ in their strike for better working conditions.
n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
62. _____ technology promises to enhance human abilities beyond what is currently possible.
adj. relating to or denoting a hypothetical evolutionary stage beyond our current human form, often involving advanced technology or genetic engineering
63. The couple promised each other _____ in their marriage vows.
n. faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something
64. I inserted the coin into the _____ and hit the button to start the game.
n. a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
65. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
66. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
67. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
68. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 61. solidarity, 62. Transhuman, 63. fidelity, 64. slot, 65. Communal, 66. argument, 67. communicate, 68. Technological

69. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

70. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

adj. no longer in existence

71. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

72. She is the _____ president of the company.

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

73. He claimed _____ for the injury.

n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury

74. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

75. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 69. miner, 70. extinct, 71. apocalyptic, 72. virtual, 73. compensation, 74. destroyed, 75. investors

76. The ____ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
77. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
78. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
79. 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
80. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
81. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
82. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.
n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
83. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 76. din, 77. corporation, 78. synchronized, 79. landscape, 80. economy, 81. tsunami, 82. breath, 83. Democracy

84. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
- n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
85. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
86. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.
- v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
87. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.
- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
88. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.
- n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
89. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
- n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
90. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a _____.
- n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
91. He is a gadget buff and _____ enthusiast.
- n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.

ANSWERS: 84. chip, 85. promote, 86. pump, 87. blamed, 88. monopoly, 89. nutrients, 90. novelty, 91. sci-fi

92. I ____ that you know it.

- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

93. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.

- n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

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

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

95. We had to _____ a difficult customer service scenario during our training session.

- v.* to act out or play a particular role, situation, or scenario, typically as part of a training or educational process or as a form of entertainment; (noun) an activity in which people act out or assume the roles of characters or situations, often for learning, practicing, or entertainment

96. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

- adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable

97. The software company bought the VR _____ manufacturer.

- v.* to look at someone or something with amazement; to look stupidly; (noun, plural) tight-fitting spectacles that are worn to prevent particulates, water, or chemicals from striking the eyes

ANSWERS: 92. bet, 93. extension, 94. slavery, 95. role-play, 96. inevitable, 97. goggles

98. The radical _____ predicted that virtual reality would become a standard in everyday life.
- n.* a person who studies or predicts trends and developments, particularly in science, technology, or social systems, to anticipate what the future may hold
99. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.
- n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
100. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
- v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
101. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
- n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
102. They study the _____ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
103. The _____ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.
- n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
104. The recent political _____ in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.
- n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
105. The athlete's _____ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.
- n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

ANSWERS: 98. futurist, 99. circulation, 100. repressed, 101. neuron, 102. evolution, 103. environmentalist, 104. unrest, 105. hubris

106. They had formed a friendship _____.

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

107. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.

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

108. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

109. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

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

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

111. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.

- n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

112. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.

- adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

113. He was preparing for a long _____ through the mountains.

- n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

ANSWERS: 106. bond, 107. pollution, 108. accord, 109. mess, 110. predict, 111. torch, 112. powerless, 113. trek

114. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

115. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.

- adv.* completely or absolutely

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

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

117. 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

118. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

119. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

120. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.

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

121. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

122. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 114. assumes, 115. utterly, 116. Climate, 117. infrastructure, 118. weird, 119. survive, 120. shareholder, 121. device, 122. confer

123. These results muddied the _____.

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

124. New technology has rendered my old smartphone _____.

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

125. She _____ the book from the shelf.

v. to find or get something back

126. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

127. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

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

128. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

129. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

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

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 123. prediction, 124. obsolete, 125. retrieved, 126. conscious, 127. Evolutionary, 128. background, 129. adversary, 130. magical

131. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.

- n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

132. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

133. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

134. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

135. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.

- v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

136. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

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

137. The essence of economics is to _____ the allocation of limited resources.

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

138. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.

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

ANSWERS: 131. chaos, 132. develop, 133. fantasy, 134. invite, 135. augmented, 136. app's, 137. optimize, 138. algorithm

139. Women may increase _____ production through romantic love.
n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
140. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.
n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
141. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
142. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
143. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
144. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
145. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
146. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 139. oxytocin, 140. substitute, 141. resolves, 142. rocket, 143. boom, 144. hail, 145. deserved, 146. intense

147. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

148. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

149. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

150. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

151. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

152. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

153. It's important to _____ your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

154. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 147. manufactured, 148. coal, 149. competitive, 150. scenarios, 151. vast, 152. distributed, 153. externalize, 154. addicts

155. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
156. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.
- adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
157. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
158. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
159. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
- n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
160. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
161. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
162. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 155. intelligence, 156. nuclear, 157. novel, 158. paradox, 159. extinction,

160. humming, 161. insights, 162. executive

163. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

164. Her _____ enthusiasm for the project helped to motivate the team.

- adj.* lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled

165. If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a _____ at work.

- n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

166. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

167. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

- n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

168. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

169. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.

- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

ANSWERS: 163. rid, 164. unbridled, 165. zombie, 166. competition, 167. horizon, 168. platform, 169. ethos

170. He has a flair for _____.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 170. mathematics, 171. steroids