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Session 1: Word List

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.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

awe

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

synonym : wonder, amazement, reverence

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

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

emerge

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

synonym : arise, occur, appear

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

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

temple

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

synonym : shrine, mosque, synagogue

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

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

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

gambling.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

sacred

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

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

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

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

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

multiplex

n. a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

synonym: multiplexer, complex, cinema

(1) **multiplex** telegraphy, (2) **multiplex** DNA analysis

The new **multiplex** cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide
He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

sunset

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym: evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views
He is in the **sunset** of his life.

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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym : aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

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**.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

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.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym : amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym : writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

adaptation

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

synonym : adaption, adjustment, transformation

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

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

rewrite

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

synonym : revise, edit, rework

(1) **rewrite** a composition, (2) **rewrite** a world record

I need to **rewrite** most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.

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.

screenwriter

- n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

synonym: scriptwriter, playwright

- (1) aspiring **screenwriter**, (2) experienced **screenwriter**

The movie's success was largely attributed to the **screenwriter's** cleverly written script.

lobby

- n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

- (1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

meteorology

- n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions

- (1) agricultural **meteorology**, (2) marine **meteorology**

He conducted his research at the **meteorology** laboratory using large-scale computing.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

contribute

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

synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

damage

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

synonym:

harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

impending

adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent

synonym: imminent, upcoming, approaching

(1) **impending** doom, (2) **impending** crisis

We must prepare for the **impending** storm expected to hit our area.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

dormant

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym: inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

spew

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

synonym:

vomit, spout, discharge

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

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

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

ash

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

synonym: cinder, soot, dust

(1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**

The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.

presumably

adv. believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

synonym: likely, seemingly, supposedly

(1) **presumably** accurate, (2) **presumably** refuse the offer

The witness's testimony was **presumably** based on what he had seen and heard.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym: thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

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.

pitch

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

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

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

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

superstorm

n. an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges

synonym: hurricane, cyclone, typhoon

(1) **superstorm** damage, (2) **superstorm** preparation

The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the **superstorm**.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in

public.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

unfortunately

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

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

unplanned

adj. not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

synonym : spontaneous, impromptu, unforeseen

(1) an **unplanned** economy, (2) **unplanned** visit

The **unplanned** power outage caused much inconvenience.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym : consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

unborn

adj. not yet born

synonym : coming, future

(1) an **unborn** child, (2) **unborn** generations

It is unknown whether this vaccine is effective in an **unborn** baby.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

nomination

n. the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose

synonym: designation, appointment, selection

(1) **nomination** process, (2) **nomination** list

The actress received a **nomination** for her passionate portrayal of a character in the critically-acclaimed film.

slum

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

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

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

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

contest

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

synonym: battle, competition, match

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

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

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**

The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

legendary

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

synonym: mythical, fabled, storied

(1) **legendary** actor, (2) achieve a **legendary** status

The **legendary** stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

thumb

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

synonym: digit, finger, phalange

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

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

guild

n. an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests

synonym: association, union, society

(1) a purchase **guild**, (2) a **guild** system

The blacksmith was a local **guild** member and often participated in their events and workshops.

registry

n. an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object

synonym: list, catalog, record

(1) **registry** database, (2) **registry** number

The hospital keeps a **registry** of patients' medical records.

screenplay

n. a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production

synonym: script, scenario, manuscript

(1) **screenplay** writer, (2) best adapted **screenplay** prize

The **screenplay** for the new movie is currently in development.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym: creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

brand

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

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

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

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

inventory

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

synonym: stock, supplies, goods

(1) **inventory** control, (2) annual **inventory**

The store manager took **inventory** of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

haphazard

adj. marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

synonym : random, careless, arbitrary

(1) **haphazard** approach, (2) **haphazard** design

The company's hiring process was **haphazard**, with no objective criteria or standards.

nondescript

adj. lacking distinctive or interesting qualities, often used to describe something or someone that is unremarkable or generic

synonym : unremarkable, ordinary, plain

(1) **nondescript** character, (2) **nondescript** picture

The apartment building had a **nondescript** exterior and blended with the other buildings on the street.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

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

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

anarchy

n. a state of society without government or law

synonym : chaos, disorder, lawlessness

(1) **anarchy** in the classroom, (2) lapse into **anarchy**

The concept of **anarchy** has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym : delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym : impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

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.

talent

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

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

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

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

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

barrier

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

synonym : border, barricade, fence

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

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

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

cohort

n. a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally

synonym : group, team, squad

(1) **cohort** study, (2) business **cohort**

The **cohort** of students from the science program graduated with top honors.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

triage

n. the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled

synonym : sorting, prioritizing, categorizing

(1) **triage** system, (2) **triage** nurse

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a **triage** center to assist with medical emergencies.

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym : ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

reproductive

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

synonym : procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period

This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

viable

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

synonym : feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym : bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

representation

n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

synonym : delegacy, manifestation, expression

(1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**

A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a

similarity

synonym : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym : nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym : apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym : leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

criteria

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym : bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym : hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym : school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

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.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

compile

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

synonym: assemble, collect, gather

(1) **compile** a biography, (2) **compile** the data

We are attempting to **compile** a list of qualified candidates for the position.

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and

columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym: center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

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.

subversive

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

synonym: incendiary, dissident, (noun) rebel

(1) **subversive** elements, (2) **subversive** literature

The artwork was criticized for its **subversive** theme that undermined religious beliefs.

tribute

n. a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

synonym: honor, accolade, recognition

(1) pay **tribute**, (2) **tribute** album

The statue was built as a **tribute** to the soldiers who died in

the war.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

hysteria

n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled

synonym : panic, fury, agitation

(1) global warming **hysteria**, (2) anxiety **hysteria**

There was mass **hysteria** when the team won a championship.

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.

inversion

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

synonym : reversal, upside-down, turnaround

(1) temperature **inversion**, (2) **inversion** layer

The **inversion** of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

shock

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

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people

questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym : cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

suffice

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

synonym : satisfy, meet, be enough

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

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

dumbfound

v. to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak

synonym : perplex, confuse, bewilder

(1) **dumbfound** boxing fans, (2) **dumbfound** with its ability

The magician's tricks **dumbfounded** the audience.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym : worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

synonym : substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

giddy

adj. feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability

synonym : dizzy, lightheaded, vertiginous

(1) **giddy** with excitement, (2) a **giddy** ride

The rollercoaster ride left her feeling **giddy** and disoriented.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

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

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

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym : sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

sunshine

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

synonym : sunlight, daylight, rays

(1) warm **sunshine**, (2) morning **sunshine**

The **sunshine** was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to

protect my eyes.

spotlight

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

synonym : limelight, stage light, highlight

(1) **spotlight** effect, (2) **spotlight** moment

The singer was in the **spotlight** as she performed her hit song.

upcoming

adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

synonym : forthcoming, approaching, imminent

(1) **upcoming** events, (2) **upcoming** election

I'm excited about the **upcoming** concert with my favorite band.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

gaff

n. a long pole fitted with a hook or a barbed spear typically used to land large fish; a cheating device used in gambling or a tool used to manipulate a situation or outcome

synonym : hook, pole, rod

(1) **gaff** hook, (2) loading **gaff**

The sailor grabbed a fishing **gaff** to pull the large marlin on board.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym : art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly;
(chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym : accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

inception

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

synonym : origin, beginning, start

(1) **inception** date, (2) lease **inception**

The idea for the company was formed at its **inception** and has since grown into a successful business.

nominate

v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

synonym : appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

theatrical

adj. relating to drama, acting, or the theater; having the quality of a performance or show

synonym : dramatic, histrionic, melodramatic

(1) a **theatrical** company, (2) **theatrical** production

The **theatrical** performance was a spectacular display of talent and creativity.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym : banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

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.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym : dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several awards.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher
The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd
She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

duration

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

synonym: period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**

The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

globe

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

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

argument

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

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

hero

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

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

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

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

conform

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

synonym: comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects

The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature
Constant dropping wears away the stone.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. clogged fi___r
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
2. s__m dwellers
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
3. no_____te government representatives
v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
4. a comprehensive su___y
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
5. the du_____on of insurance
n. the length of time something lasts or continues
6. 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
7. an unwilling as_____nt
n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
8. a spr_____et program
n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
9. an ac_____y of music
n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

ANSWERS: 1. filter, 2. slum, 3. nominate, 4. survey, 5. duration, 6. novel, 7. assistant, 8. spreadsheet, 9. academy

10. the story is bi____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
11. mu_____ex telegraphy *n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements
12. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
13. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
14. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
15. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
16. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
17. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
18. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 10. bizarre, 11. multiplex, 12. accidentally, 13. aspect, 14. metaphor, 15. decide, 16. vacation, 17. vacation, 18. decide

19. sup_____rm damage *n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges
20. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
21. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
22. 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
23. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
24. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
25. tr____e nurse *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
26. lapse into an_____y *n.* a state of society without government or law
27. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
28. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 19. superstorm, 20. comedy, 21. religion, 22. upload, 23. increasingly, 24. glamorous, 25. triage, 26. anarchy, 27. frank, 28. fascinating

29. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
30. draw out your ap____l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
31. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
32. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
33. loading g__f *n.* a long pole fitted with a hook or a barbed spear typically used to land large fish; a cheating device used in gambling or a tool used to manipulate a situation or outcome
34. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
35. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
36. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
37. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 29. convention, 30. appeal, 31. naive, 32. constant, 33. gaff, 34. survey, 35. valid, 36. rely, 37. contest

38. do____t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
39. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
40. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
41. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
42. su_____e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
43. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
44. sub_____ve elements *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
45. mu_____ex DNA analysis *n.* a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

ANSWERS: 38. dormant, 39. recognize, 40. illegal, 41. genius, 42. suffice, 43. viol, 44. subversive, 45. multiplex

46. g__f hook *n.* a long pole fitted with a hook or a barbed spear typically used to land large fish; a cheating device used in gambling or a tool used to manipulate a situation or outcome
47. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
48. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
49. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
50. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
51. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
52. a ca_____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
53. the sacred mo_____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
54. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 46. gaff, 47. constantly, 48. pivot, 49. conversation, 50. evaluate, 51. representative, 52. catalyst, 53. mosque, 54. viol

55. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
56. in_____on layer *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
57. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
58. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
59. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
60. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
61. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
62. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
63. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

ANSWERS: 55. discovery, 56. inversion, 57. separate, 58. catalyst, 59. pitch, 60. oversea, 61. participate, 62. fundamental, 63. structural

64. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
65. nontechnical as ___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
66. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
67. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
68. during rep_____ive period *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
69. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
70. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
71. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
72. become a mil_____re *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
73. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 64. glamorous, 65. aspect, 66. ritual, 67. sacred, 68. reproductive, 69. stream, 70. recognize, 71. opportune, 72. millionaire, 73. creative

74. du_____nd with its ability *v.* to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak
75. le_____ry actor *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
76. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
77. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
78. business co____t *n.* a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally
79. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
80. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
81. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
82. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 74. dumbfound, 75. legendary, 76. pitch, 77. percentage, 78. cohort, 79. smartphone, 80. lobby, 81. globe, 82. domestic

83. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
84. achieve a vi___e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
85. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
86. 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
87. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
88. a gu__d system *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
89. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
90. cr_____ia for action *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
91. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
92. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 83. communist, 84. viable, 85. adaptation, 86. assume, 87. script, 88. guild, 89. industrious, 90. criteria, 91. creditor, 92. metaphor

93. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
94. up_____ng election *adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
95. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
96. re_____e a world record *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
97. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
98. co_____e the data *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
99. do_____t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
100. in a_e of the situation *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
101. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
102. in_____ry control *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

ANSWERS: 93. apologetic, 94. upcoming, 95. alternate, 96. rewrite, 97. ridiculous, 98. compile, 99. dormant, 100. awe, 101. contribute, 102. inventory

103. 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
104. a drift of a th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
105. mil_____re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
106. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
107. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
108. soda a_h *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
109. a purchase gu__d *n.* an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests

ANSWERS: 103. executive, 104. thesis, 105. millionaire, 106. essentially, 107. slum, 108. ash, 109. guild

110. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
111. master th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
112. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
113. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
114. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
115. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
116. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
117. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
118. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
119. su___t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

ANSWERS: 110. merit, 111. thesis, 112. accomplished, 113. decision, 114. appeal, 115. consequence, 116. contribute, 117. illegal, 118. toxic, 119. sunset

120. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
121. ve_____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
122. nom_____on process *n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
123. spectacular su____t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
124. su_____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
125. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
126. un____n generations *adj.* not yet born
127. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
128. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
129. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
130. co____t study *n.* a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally

ANSWERS: 120. anonymous, 121. veteran, 122. nomination, 123. sunset, 124. suffice, 125. essentially, 126. unborn, 127. embarrass, 128. hero, 129. unfortunately, 130. cohort

131. ost_____le explanation *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
132. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
133. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
134. 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
135. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
136. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
137. co_____m in all its aspects *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
138. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
139. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 131. ostensible, 132. pivot, 133. bizarre, 134. slap, 135. fascinating, 136. contest, 137. conform, 138. obvious, 139. barrier

140. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
141. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
142. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
143. morning su_____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
144. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
145. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
146. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
147. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
148. short du_____on *n.* the length of time something lasts or continues
149. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
150. aspiring scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
151. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
152. vo_____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

ANSWERS: 140. fundamental, 141. consequence, 142. regardless, 143. sunshine, 144. mention, 145. naive, 146. increasingly, 147. smartphone, 148. duration, 149. unfortunately, 150. screenwriter, 151. statistics, 152. volcano

153. an un_____ed economy *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized
154. temperature in_____on *n.* the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things
155. jumping for g__e *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
156. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
157. nom_____on list *n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
158. 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
159. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
160. du_____nd boxing fans *v.* to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak
161. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
162. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

ANSWERS: 153. unplanned, 154. inversion, 155. glee, 156. regard, 157. nomination, 158. novel, 159. conscious, 160. dumbfound, 161. release, 162. glee

163. sub_____ve literature *adj.* intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution
164. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
165. rep_____ive ability *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
166. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
167. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
168. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
169. scr_____ay writer *n.* a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production
170. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
171. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 163. subversive, 164. merit, 165. reproductive, 166. representation, 167. destroy, 168. award, 169. screenplay, 170. estimate, 171. conventional

172. be_____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
173. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
174. the_____al production *adj.* relating to drama, acting, or the theater; having the quality of a performance or show
175. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
176. ha_____rd design *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan
177. re_____e a composition *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
178. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
179. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
180. sp_____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
181. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 172. beloved, 173. decision, 174. theatrical, 175. communist, 176. haphazard, 177. rewrite, 178. brand, 179. threaten, 180. spotlight, 181. connote

182. co_____m to standards *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
183. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
184. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
185. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
186. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
187. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
188. best adapted scr_____ay prize *n.* a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production
189. experienced scr_____ter *n.* a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media
190. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 182. conform, 183. alien, 184. frank, 185. reaction, 186. temple, 187. conventional, 188. screenplay, 189. screenwriter, 190. whip

191. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
192. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
193. marine met_____gy *n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
194. warm su_____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
195. tr_____e album *n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity
196. anxiety hy_____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
197. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
198. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
199. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
200. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
201. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 191. institutionalize, 192. award, 193. meteorology, 194. sunshine, 195. tribute, 196. hysteria, 197. constant, 198. talent, 199. percentage, 200. studio, 201. dismiss

202. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
203. pay tr____e *n.* a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity
204. needs of pr____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
205. global warming hy____ia *n.* a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
206. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
207. a hu____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
208. di____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
209. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
210. access to public tr____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
211. do____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 202. largely, 203. tribute, 204. pregnant, 205. hysteria, 206. claim, 207. hurricane, 208. dismiss, 209. religion, 210. transport, 211. download

212. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
213. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
214. annual in_____ry *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
215. lease in_____on *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
216. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
217. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
218. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
219. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
220. in_____on date *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
221. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

ANSWERS: 212. statistics, 213. ridiculous, 214. inventory, 215. inception, 216. sacred, 217. barrier, 218. psychology, 219. confirm, 220. inception, 221. representative

222. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
223. achieve a le_____ry status *adj.* famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition
224. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
225. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
226. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
227. plug numbers into a spr_____et *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
228. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
229. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
230. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
231. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 222. assistant, 223. legendary, 224. domestic, 225. shock, 226. pause, 227. spreadsheet, 228. hurricane, 229. possibility, 230. claim, 231. lobby

232. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
233. th__b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
234. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
235. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
236. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
237. the piano passages in the com_____on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
238. pre_____ly refuse the offer *adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof
239. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
240. 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
241. sup_____rm preparation *n.* an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges

ANSWERS: 232. gay, 233. thumb, 234. threaten, 235. chemical, 236. environment, 237. composition, 238. presumably, 239. brand, 240. upload, 241. superstorm

242. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
243. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
244. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
245. ha_____rd approach *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan
246. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
247. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
248. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
249. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
250. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
251. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
252. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
253. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

ANSWERS: 242. launch, 243. chemical, 244. emerge, 245. haphazard, 246. embarrass, 247. extreme, 248. anticipate, 249. psychology, 250. environment, 251. profitable, 252. chimpanzee, 253. wisdom

254. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
255. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
256. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
257. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
258. non_____pt picture *adj.* lacking distinctive or interesting qualities, often used to describe something or someone that is unremarkable or generic
259. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
260. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
261. exposure to to___c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
262. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 254. opaque, 255. profitable, 256. estimate, 257. institutionalize, 258. nondescript, 259. veteran, 260. launch, 261. toxic, 262. damage

263. tr___e system *n.* the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
264. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
265. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
266. no_____te him for an award *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
267. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
268. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
269. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
270. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

ANSWERS: 263. triage, 264. transport, 265. default, 266. nominate, 267. extreme, 268. creditor, 269. evaluate, 270. adaptation

271. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
272. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
273. a the_____al company *adj.* relating to drama, acting, or the theater; having the quality of a performance or show
274. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
275. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
276. a gi__y ride *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
277. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
278. At_____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
279. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

ANSWERS: 271. wisdom, 272. whip, 273. theatrical, 274. oversea, 275. alternate, 276. giddy, 277. valid, 278. Atlantic, 279. confirm

280. 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
281. im_____ng doom *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
282. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
283. an_____y in the classroom *n.* a state of society without government or law
284. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
285. consistency cr_____ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
286. At_____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
287. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 280. executive, 281. impending, 282. composition, 283. anarchy, 284. mention, 285. criteria, 286. Atlantic, 287. church

288. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
289. s__w carbon dioxide *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
290. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
291. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
292. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
293. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
294. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
295. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
296. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
297. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
298. 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

ANSWERS: 288. thumb, 289. spew, 290. mosque, 291. definitely, 292. studio, 293. anticipate, 294. ritual, 295. conversation, 296. marketplace, 297. pause, 298. develop

299. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
300. a member of the Ac_____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
301. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
302. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
303. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
304. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
305. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
306. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
307. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
308. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
309. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
310. re_____ry database *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object

ANSWERS: 299. decline, 300. academy, 301. accidentally, 302. largely, 303. separate, 304. gay, 305. regardless, 306. quote, 307. opportune, 308. chimpanzee,

309. genius, 310. registry

311. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
312. up_____ng events *adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
313. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
314. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
315. a hand sc____t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
316. gi__y with excitement *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
317. an un____n child *adj.* not yet born
318. non_____pt character *adj.* lacking distinctive or interesting qualities, often used to describe something or someone that is unremarkable or generic
319. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
320. a tour guide at the te____e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
321. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 311. discovery, 312. upcoming, 313. blockbuster, 314. talent, 315. script, 316. giddy, 317. unborn, 318. nondescript, 319. obvious, 320. temple, 321. negative

322. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
323. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
324. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
325. unsung h___o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
326. agricultural met_____gy *n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
327. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
328. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
329. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
330. acc_____hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

ANSWERS: 322. regard, 323. blockbuster, 324. reaction, 325. hero, 326. meteorology, 327. slightly, 328. damage, 329. emerge, 330. accomplished

331. sp_____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
332. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
333. s__w insults *v.* to eject forcefully and abundantly; to flow out rapidly and in large amounts
334. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
335. ost_____le reason *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
336. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
337. op___e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
338. global mar_____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
339. un_____ed visit *adj.* not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

ANSWERS: 331. spotlight, 332. globe, 333. spew, 334. quote, 335. ostensible, 336. alien, 337. opaque, 338. marketplace, 339. unplanned

340. 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
341. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
342. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
343. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
344. im_____ng crisis *adj.* about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
345. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
346. do_____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
347. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
348. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 340. develop, 341. apologetic, 342. craft, 343. possibility, 344. impending, 345. shock, 346. download, 347. comic, 348. default

349. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
350. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
351. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
352. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
353. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
354. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
355. active vo_____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
356. pre_____ly accurate *adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof
357. re_____ry number *n.* an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object
358. a feeling of a_e *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

ANSWERS: 349. church, 350. similarly, 351. industrious, 352. craft, 353. definitely, 354. creative, 355. volcano, 356. presumably, 357. registry, 358. awe

359. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
360. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
361. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
362. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
363. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
364. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
365. co_____e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
366. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
367. be_____d author *adj.* loved very much
368. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 359. comedy, 360. convention, 361. representation, 362. filter, 363. slightly, 364. anonymous, 365. compile, 366. conscious, 367. beloved, 368. release

369. co____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
370. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
371. a con____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
372. a silence pr____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
373. co____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
374. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
375. develop a vi____e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
376. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
377. de____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
378. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
379. 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
380. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

ANSWERS: 369. contend, 370. negative, 371. constantly, 372. pregnant, 373. connote, 374. rely, 375. viable, 376. destroy, 377. decline, 378. comic, 379. assume, 380. ash

381. s__p on the back *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
382. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
383. co____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
384. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
385. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
386. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way

ANSWERS: 381. slap, 382. stream, 383. contend, 384. participate, 385. structural, 386. similarly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
2. I'm excited about the _____ concert with my favorite band.
adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
3. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.
v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
4. The _____ for the new movie is currently in development.
n. a script for a film or television program; the written script for a movie or other visual production
5. In the aftermath of the hurricane, the military set up a _____ center to assist with medical emergencies.
n. the process of sorting or categorizing patients or other items by severity or priority to determine the order in which they should be treated or handled
6. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 1. metaphors, 2. upcoming, 3. default, 4. screenplay, 5. triage, 6. temple

7. The media _____ had special passes.
n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
8. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
9. The organization _____ her to be the next president.
v. to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
10. The blacksmith was a local _____ member and often participated in their events and workshops.
n. an organization or association of individuals in a particular trade, profession, or field formed for mutual aid and protection or for furthering their collective interests
11. She received several _____ calls.
adj. having no known name, identity, or known source
12. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
13. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.
n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
14. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 7. representatives, 8. recognize, 9. nominated, 10. guild, 11. anonymous, 12. definitely, 13. comedy, 14. conscious

15. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
16. The curtains were made of _____ fabric that blocked out all light.
adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
17. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
18. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
19. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
20. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
21. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
22. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 15. profitable, 16. opaque, 17. quoted, 18. studio, 19. catalyst, 20. possibility, 21. pitch, 22. institutionalize

23. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
24. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual
25. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
26. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
27. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
28. We must prepare for the _____ storm expected to hit our area.
adj. about to happen or occur; close in time; imminent
29. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.
n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
30. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
31. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.
v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 23. contribute, 24. bizarre, 25. industrious, 26. fundamental, 27. estimated, 28. impending, 29. talents, 30. survey, 31. whipped

32. The artwork was criticized for its _____ theme that undermined religious beliefs.

adj. intended to undermine or overthrow a system, authority, or established order through an intentional effort to cause disruption or to challenge the existing norms or beliefs; (noun) a person or thing intended to undermine the power or authority of an established system or institution

33. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

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

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

35. 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

36. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

37. The apartment building had a _____ exterior and blended with the other buildings on the street.

adj. lacking distinctive or interesting qualities, often used to describe something or someone that is unremarkable or generic

38. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 32. subversive, 33. frank, 34. adaptation, 35. slap, 36. merits, 37. nondescript, 38. creditor

39. I need to _____ most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.
- v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
40. 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
41. The school requires students to _____ to a strict dress code.
- v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
42. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
43. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
- adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
44. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
45. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
46. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
- adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

ANSWERS: 39. rewrite, 40. creative, 41. conform, 42. emerged, 43. domestic, 44. decision, 45. launch, 46. alternate

47. The novel is _____ and tragic.

adj. funny and making you laugh

48. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

49. The new _____ cinema has 12 screens showing the latest movies.

n. a cinema complex with several screens or theaters showing different films at the same time; an electronic device that allows several signals to be transmitted or processed simultaneously through a single channel; (adjective) relating to or consisting of multiple interconnected parts or elements

50. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

51. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

52. The actress received a _____ for her passionate portrayal of a character in the critically-acclaimed film.

n. the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose

53. The Internet _____ was captivated by the artist's paintings.

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

54. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

ANSWERS: 47. comic, 48. chemical, 49. multiplex, 50. slightly, 51. communist, 52. nomination, 53. millionaire, 54. increasingly

55. 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
56. We are attempting to _____ a list of qualified candidates for the position.
- v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
57. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
- n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
58. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
59. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
60. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.
- n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
61. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.
- v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
62. She had a master's degree in _____.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 55. assumes, 56. compile, 57. award, 58. Constant, 59. representation, 60. awe-inspiring, 61. contended, 62. psychology

63. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

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

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

65. The rollercoaster ride left her feeling _____ and disoriented.

adj. feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability

66. I am here to save my _____.

adj. loved very much

67. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

68. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to surprise and confuse someone to the point of being unable to speak

69. The statue was built as a _____ to the soldiers who died in the war.

n. a payment, gift, or other forms of recognition made in honor of or submission to another person or entity

70. The disease can remain _____ for years before it presents any symptoms.

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

71. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

ANSWERS: 63. anticipate, 64. decide, 65. giddy, 66. beloved, 67. valid, 68. dumbfounded, 69. tribute, 70. dormant, 71. naive

72. There was mass _____ when the team won a championship.
n. a state of extreme excitement, fear, or anger that cannot be controlled
73. The _____ of students from the science program graduated with top honors.
n. a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience, or background and are usually studied as a single unit in research or analysis; a companion or ally
74. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
75. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
76. She felt _____ after finishing her book.
adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
77. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
78. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
79. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?
v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

ANSWERS: 72. hysteria, 73. cohort, 74. separate, 75. extreme, 76. accomplished, 77. embarrass, 78. mentioned, 79. suffice

80. The store manager took _____ of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.
- n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
81. The team needed to come up with a _____ strategy to turn things around.
- n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
82. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
- n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
83. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
- adv.* in almost the same way
84. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
85. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.
- n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
86. The _____ was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.
- n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

ANSWERS: 80. inventory, 81. pivot, 82. Mosque, 83. similarly, 84. damage, 85. craft, 86. sunshine

87. The concept of _____ has been used in literature, music, and other art forms to explore ideas about power, freedom, and rebellion.

n. a state of society without government or law

88. The movie's success was largely attributed to the _____ cleverly written script.

n. a writer who writes or creates scripts, screenplays, or stories for movies, television shows, or other visual media

89. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

90. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

91. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

92. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

93. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

94. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.

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

ANSWERS: 87. anarchy, 88. screenwriter's, 89. spreadsheet, 90. religion, 91. toxic, 92. composition, 93. regardless, 94. thumb

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

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

96. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

97. The witness's testimony was _____ based on what he had seen and heard.

adv. believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

98. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

100. The _____ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

101. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

102. The company's hiring process was _____ with no objective criteria or standards.

adj. marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

ANSWERS: 95. destroyed, 96. conventional, 97. presumably, 98. glee, 99. obvious, 100. ostensible, 101. evaluate, 102. haphazard,

103. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

104. Her research team made an important _____.

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

105. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

106. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.

- n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

107. Please write to _____ your reservation.

- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

108. He conducted his research at the _____ laboratory using large-scale computing.

- n.* the branch of science that deals with processes in the Earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions

109. This documentary deals with the _____ biology of the buffalo.

- adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 103. claim, 104. discovery, 105. transportation, 106. thesis, 107. confirm, 108. meteorology, 109. reproductive

110. The _____ power outage caused much inconvenience.

adj. not planned or intended; not having been prearranged or organized

111. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

112. They met at biennial _____.

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

113. The sailor grabbed a fishing _____ to pull the large marlin on board.

n. a long pole fitted with a hook or a barbed spear typically used to land large fish; a cheating device used in gambling or a tool used to manipulate a situation or outcome

114. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

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

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

116. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

117. The hospital keeps a _____ of patients' medical records.

n. an official list or record that contains details of people, objects, or events; a computer system that stores and manages data about something; the act or process of registering something, such as an event, a person, or an object

ANSWERS: 110. unplanned, 111. spotlight, 112. conventions, 113. gaff, 114. assistant, 115. statistics, 116. reaction, 117. registry

118. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

119. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

120. Do you have a plan for a long _____

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

121. The coastal town's residents were urged to evacuate ahead of the _____.

n. an extremely large and powerful storm, typically characterized by high winds, heavy rain or snow, or destructive storm surges

122. He didn't meet all the _____ but he was hired anyway.

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

123. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

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

124. The idea for the company was formed at its _____ and has since grown into a successful business.

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

125. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

ANSWERS: 118. largely, 119. Essentially, 120. vacation?, 121. superstorm, 122. criteria, 123. brand, 124. inception, 125. constantly

126. It is unknown whether this vaccine is effective in an _____ baby.

adj. not yet born

127. 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

128. He is in the _____ of his life.

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

129. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

130. The _____ of the mortgage market led to a decrease in home values.

n. the action or fact of inverting something, or the state of being inverted; the reversal of the normal order or arrangement of things

131. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

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

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

133. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 126. unborn, 127. upload, 128. sunset, 129. script, 130. inversion, 131. ritual, 132. slums, 133. lobby

134. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

135. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

136. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

137. 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

138. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

139. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

140. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

141. The _____ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

ANSWERS: 134. paused, 135. oversea, 136. structural, 137. novel, 138. rely, 139. hurricane, 140. consequences, 141. gay

142. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

143. The volcanic ____ covered the island after the eruption.

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

144. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

145. This space is a private office _____ to the President

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

146. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

147. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

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

148. The ____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

149. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 142. glamorous, 143. ash, 144. church, 145. sacred, 146. filter, 147. hero, 148. viol, 149. aspects

150. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

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

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

152. The _____ stories of King Arthur have been passed down for centuries.

adj. famous or well-known, especially through long-standing popular stories or tradition

153. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

154. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

155. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

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

156. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

157. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

ANSWERS: 150. opportune, 151. environment, 152. legendary, 153. volcano, 154. conversation, 155. globe, 156. appeal, 157. connotes

158. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
159. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
160. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.
adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
161. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
162. The _____ performance was a spectacular display of talent and creativity.
adj. relating to drama, acting, or the theater; having the quality of a performance or show
163. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
164. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
165. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

ANSWERS: 158. barrier, 159. wisdom, 160. Atlantic, 161. pregnant, 162. theatrical, 163. contest, 164. participated, 165. regarded

166. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

167. The military incarcerated him for the _____ of the war.

n. the length of time something lasts or continues

168. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

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

adj. extremely interesting

170. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

171. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

172. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

173. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

ANSWERS: 166. smartphones, 167. duration, 168. unfortunately, 169. fascinating, 170. percentage, 171. dismiss, 172. shock, 173. apologetic

174. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

175. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

176. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more _____.

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

177. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

178. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

179. 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

180. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

181. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.

adj. not allowed by law

ANSWERS: 174. release, 175. genius, 176. viable, 177. negative, 178. streams, 179. executive, 180. ridiculous, 181. illegal

182. 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

183. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

- n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

184. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

- n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

185. The volcano started to _____ lava and ash, causing panic among residents.

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

186. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

- n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

187. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.

- n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

188. Many zoos have _____ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

- n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

ANSWERS: 182. develop, 183. Alien, 184. marketplace, 185. spew, 186. veteran, 187. Academy, 188. chimpanzee

189. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

190. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.

adv. by chance or without planning

191. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

192. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

193. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 189. declines, 190. accidentally, 191. blockbuster, 192. threatening, 193. download