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Session 1: Word List

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal

patronage.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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**.

disclaim

v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

synonym: deny, reject, disavow

(1) **disclaim** his rights, (2) **disclaim** ownership

The company had to state to **disclaim** any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

resigned

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

synonym: submissive, acquiescent, passive

(1) with a **resigned** voice, (2) **resigned** to their fate

She had a **resigned** look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

capacitate

v. to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose

synonym: enable, empower, prepare

(1) **capacitate** students, (2) **capacitate** the team

The new rehabilitation program aimed to **capacitate** patients with disabilities to live independently.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

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.

landscape

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

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

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

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

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.

entrepreneur

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

synonym: founder, executive

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

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym: gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

prosperity

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

synonym: affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

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.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true
synonym: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody **entrepreneurship**

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

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.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare

system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

hinge

n. a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close

synonym: joint, pivot

(1) a stiff **hinge**, (2) insecure **hinge**

His involvement is the **hinge** of our plan.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

inflection

n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

synonym: accent, intonation, modulation

(1) **inflection** in voice, (2) **inflection** pattern

The linguist studied the **inflection** of the language's inflection in speech.

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.

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.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

defile

v. to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished

synonym: pollute, taint, contaminate

(1) **defile** a river, (2) **defile** the land

The vandals **defiled** the church by spray-painting graffiti on the walls.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym : player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

taint

v. to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

synonym: corrupt, infect, spoil

(1) **taint** the government, (2) **taint** the atmosphere worldwide

The scandal will **taint** his reputation for years to come.

throwaway

adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded

synonym: disposable, one-time-use, expendable

(1) **throwaway** item, (2) **throwaway** culture

Throwaway plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

fray

v. to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict

synonym: tangle, brawl, skirmish

(1) **fray** tempers, (2) **fray** our relationship

The edges of the old blanket had started to **fray**, so I decided to sew them up.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym: scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community

The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

transfer *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
synonym: move, relocate, shift
(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power
She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

exceed *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
synonym: surpass, outdo, excel
(1) **exceed** sales targets, (2) **exceed** the speed limit
The athlete's performance **exceeded** all expectations, breaking a world record.

donor *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
synonym: contributor, patron, supporter
(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**
His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

aid *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs
Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

remittance

n. the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift

synonym : payment, transfer, remittal

(1) electronic **remittance**, (2) monthly **remittance**

The **remittance** of the payment was delayed due to a technical error.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

comparison

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

synonym : equivalence, analogy, contrast

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

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

semester

n. one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term

(1) end of the **semester**, (2) during the **semester** breaks

We must complete all of these courses in the following **semester**.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

seminar

n. a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject

synonym : workshop, conference, symposium

(1) business **seminar**, (2) academic **seminar**

I'm attending a leadership **seminar** next week.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym : friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

transition

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

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**
The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**
When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

entrench

v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

synonym: establish, fortify, secure

(1) **entrench** power, (2) **entrench** beliefs

The general tried to **entrench** his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym: financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

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

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

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym: nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

inefficient

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

synonym: ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

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

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

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym: complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

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.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something

to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

inefficiency

n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive

synonym: ineffectiveness, inefficacy, inadequacy

(1) **inefficiency** in the system, (2) bureaucratic **inefficiency**

The company's **inefficiency** in handling customer requests led to many complaints.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

stagnation

n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement

synonym : inactivity, idleness, sluggishness

(1) economic **stagnation**, (2) population **stagnation**

The company's lack of innovation has led to **stagnation** and declining profits.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

amass

v. to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

synonym : gather, collect, accumulate

(1) **amass** a patent portfolio, (2) **amass** followers
She had **amassed** a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym: contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

principle

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

synonym: rule, creed, code

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

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

governance

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

synonym : administration, management, direction

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

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

deft

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

synonym : skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym : final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

palatable

adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted

synonym : delicious, tasty, flavorful

(1) **palatable** food, (2) **palatable** solution

I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly **palatable**.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

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.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym : elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

registration

n. the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

synonym : enrollment, registry, record-keeping

(1) **registration** agency, (2) **registration** for a course

The online **registration** process was quick and easy to complete.

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.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

census

n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation,

and education levels

synonym : count, survey, enumeration

(1) **census** data, (2) population **census**

The government conducted a **census** of the population to gather data on demographics.

indispensable

adj. so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary

synonym : critical, essential, integral

(1) an **indispensable** duty, (2) foods **indispensable** to good nutrition

She is **indispensable** to our team.

shirk

v. to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do

synonym : avoid, dodge, evade

(1) **shirk** moral obligation, (2) **shirk** their duties

I can't **shirk** my work responsibilities, even when taking a break is tempting.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

apathy

n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm

synonym : affectlessness, dispassion, indifference

(1) **apathy** in the election, (2) political **apathy**

The global economic crisis has led to pervasive **apathy** and powerlessness.

quo *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym : status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

empower *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym : authorize, endow, entitle
(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same
The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

enrich *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
synonym : enhance, improve, augment
(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services
Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

infect *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect
(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus
Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

cancer *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy
(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research
Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

resistance *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin
The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym: articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

straighten

v. to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

synonym: even up, align, untangle

(1) **straighten** out a problem, (2) **straighten** a crooked picture

I need to **straighten** my hair before I go to the party.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym: mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

degradation

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

synonym: depravity, degeneration, deterioration

(1) **degradation** by heat, (2) live in **degradation**

Many researchers are monitoring environmental **degradation** in real-time through satellites.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym: cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

impart

v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of

synonym: pass on, give, bestow

(1) **impart** a secret, (2) **impart** basic knowledge

She had knowledge she couldn't wait to **impart**.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym:

entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym: critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

gatekeeper

n. a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

synonym: guardian, watchman, custodian

(1) **gatekeeper** role, (2) information **gatekeeper**

The company's **gatekeeper screened** all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym: dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym: distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

terminology

n. the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession

synonym : jargon, lexicon, vocabulary

(1) industry **terminology**, (2) medical **terminology**

The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used **terminology** at the beginning of the course.

entail

v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something

synonym : involve, necessitate, require

(1) **entail** legal consequences, (2) **entail** risks

The job offer **entails** a lot of responsibility and hard work.

inaudible

adj. unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

synonym : unheard, faint, unhearable

(1) **inaudible** whisper, (2) **inaudible** sound

The speaker's voice was **inaudible** over the background noise.

mess

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

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

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

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

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym : channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym : active, animated, lively

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

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

mediocrity

n. the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

synonym : averageness, ordinariness, unoriginality

(1) sink into **mediocrity**, (2) escape **mediocrity**

He was content with living a life of **mediocrity**.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym : self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread

to the United Kingdom.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language
synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression
She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**
This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

argue

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

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

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

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
synonym: kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers
A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

vibrant

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

synonym : animated, dynamic, deep

(1) a city **vibrant** with life, (2) variety of **vibrant** colors

A **vibrant** private sector is crucial for economic growth.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities;
various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym : aggressive, ambitious, militant

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

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

transparency

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

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

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

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

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave
in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his
commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

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

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym: hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an intolerable hum_____on | <i>n.</i> the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish |
| 2. begin to r_t | <i>v.</i> to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 3. v__t majority | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity |
| 4. federal cor_____on charges | <i>n.</i> dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power |
| 5. during the se_____er breaks | <i>n.</i> one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term |
| 6. de___e a river | <i>v.</i> to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished |
| 7. military di_____or | <i>n.</i> a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force |
| 8. en_____ic density | <i>adj.</i> possessing or exerting or displaying energy |
| 9. dis_____ue scene | <i>n.</i> a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance |
| 10. variety of vi_____t colors | <i>adj.</i> full of energy, life, and enthusiasm |
| 11. escape med_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal |

ANSWERS: 1. humiliation, 2. rot, 3. vast, 4. corruption, 5. semester, 6. defile, 7. dictator, 8. energetic, 9. discotheque, 10. vibrant, 11. mediocrity

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| 12. a com_____nt to an alliance | <i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way |
| 13. liv_____od assistance | <i>n.</i> a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 14. status q_o politician | <i>n.</i> the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue |
| 15. research in_____tes | <i>n.</i> an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something |
| 16. r_t with age | <i>v.</i> to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 17. f__y our relationship | <i>v.</i> to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict |
| 18. re__r to a map | <i>v.</i> to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support |
| 19. d__t touch | <i>adj.</i> skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness |
| 20. gov_____nt funding | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 21. a stiff hi__e | <i>n.</i> a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close |

ANSWERS: 12. commitment, 13. livelihood, 14. quo, 15. institute, 16. rot, 17. fray, 18. refer, 19. deft, 20. government, 21. hinge

22. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
23. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
24. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
25. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
26. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
27. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
28. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
29. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
30. 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
31. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 22. commit, 23. intellect, 24. headline, 25. argue, 26. critic, 27. overcome, 28. translate, 29. transfer, 30. lobby, 31. dictator

32. en___l legal consequences *v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
33. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
34. 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
35. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
36. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
37. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (*adjective*) extending or moving toward a higher place
38. im____t basic knowledge *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
39. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 32. entail, 33. democracy, 34. develop, 35. diverse, 36. stereotype, 37. upward, 38. impart, 39. landscape

40. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
41. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
42. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
43. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
44. 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
45. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
46. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
47. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 40. prosperity, 41. encourage, 42. president, 43. constitution, 44. claim, 45. negotiation, 46. analyze, 47. disrupt

48. ce___s data *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
49. matter of ur_____y *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
50. electronic rem_____ce *n.* the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift
51. pray to the sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
52. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
53. information gat_____er *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest
54. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
55. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 48. census, 49. urgency, 50. remittance, 51. savior, 52. inefficient, 53. gatekeeper, 54. responsible, 55. perspective

56. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
57. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
58. ex____d sales targets *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
59. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
60. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
61. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
62. medical ter_____gy *n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession
63. end of the se_____er *n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
64. political sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

ANSWERS: 56. illustrate, 57. intent, 58. exceed, 59. competitive, 60. upward, 61. criticism, 62. terminology, 63. semester, 64. savior

65. business se____r *n.* a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
66. put the ac____t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
67. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
68. tr____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
69. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
70. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
71. 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
72. 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

ANSWERS: 65. seminar, 66. accent, 67. quo, 68. translate, 69. rev, 70. voter, 71. registry, 72. claim

73. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
74. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
75. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
76. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
77. sink into med_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal
78. th_____ay culture *adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
79. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
80. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
81. 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
82. ben_____nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
83. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

ANSWERS: 73. transition, 74. diaspora, 75. athlete, 76. elect, 77. mediocrity, 78. throwaway, 79. industrial, 80. statistics, 81. pitch, 82. benevolent, 83. achievement

84. live in deg_____on *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
85. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
86. re_____ed to their fate *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
87. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
88. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
89. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
90. 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
91. sh__k their duties *v.* to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do
92. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
93. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
94. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

ANSWERS: 84. degradation, 85. perspective, 86. resigned, 87. desire, 88. dissolve, 89. emerging, 90. decide, 91. shirk, 92. influence, 93. dysfunction, 94. governance

95. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
96. ab_____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
97. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
98. am__s followers *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
99. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
100. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
101. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
102. bureaucratic ine_____ncy *n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
103. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 95. entrepreneurship, 96. absence, 97. institute, 98. amass, 99. convince, 100. fellow, 101. corruption, 102. inefficiency, 103. survival

104. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
105. ta__t the government *v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element
106. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
107. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
108. ur_____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
109. the stance of mo_____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
110. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
111. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
112. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
113. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

ANSWERS: 104. commit, 105. taint, 106. sink, 107. talented, 108. urgency, 109. monetary, 110. communal, 111. corruptible, 112. encounter, 113. donor

114. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
115. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
116. em____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
117. provide th____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
118. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
119. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
120. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
121. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
122. pi____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
123. in_____le whisper *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
124. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 114. cult, 115. survival, 116. empower, 117. thorough, 118. capture, 119. grant, 120. nation, 121. commitment, 122. pipeline, 123. inaudible, 124. ego

125. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
126. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
127. ho_____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
128. de____e the land *v.* to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished
129. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
130. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
131. 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
132. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
133. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
134. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 125. innovation, 126. overcome, 127. hopeless, 128. defile, 129. headline, 130. diverse, 131. pitch, 132. strategy, 133. entrepreneur, 134. nation

135. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
136. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
137. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
138. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
139. 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
140. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
141. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
142. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
143. monthly rem_____ce *n.* the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift
144. mo_____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country

ANSWERS: 135. involve, 136. academic, 137. vast, 138. innovation, 139. registry, 140. influence, 141. strategy, 142. ignore, 143. remittance, 144. monetary

145. academic se_____r *n.* a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject
146. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
147. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
148. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
149. str_____en a crooked picture *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
150. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
151. insecure hi___e *n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
152. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
153. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
154. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

ANSWERS: 145. seminar, 146. politician, 147. hopeless, 148. entirely, 149. straighten, 150. decision, 151. hinge, 152. incentive, 153. rev, 154. grateful

155. brain dys_____on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
156. am__s a patent portfolio *v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference
157. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
158. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
159. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
160. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
161. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
162. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
163. ar___e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
164. gat_____er role *n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

ANSWERS: 155. dysfunction, 156. amass, 157. priority, 158. inefficient, 159. principle, 160. refuse, 161. tempt, 162. refuse, 163. argue, 164. gatekeeper

165. 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
166. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
167. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
168. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
169. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
170. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
171. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
172. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
173. inf_____on in voice *n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories

ANSWERS: 165. decision, 166. industrial, 167. weave, 168. mess, 169. transparency, 170. economy, 171. livelihood, 172. comparison, 173. inflection

174. show di_____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
175. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
176. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
177. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
178. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
179. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
180. ex_____e account *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
181. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
182. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
183. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
184. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
185. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

ANSWERS: 174. disgust, 175. prioritize, 176. define, 177. peaceful, 178. visionary, 179. convincing, 180. expense, 181. transparency, 182. discotheque, 183. infect, 184. capture, 185. formidable

186. en___l risks v. to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
187. em_____r my life v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
188. an unnamed do__r n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
189. di_____ve the sugar v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
190. certain ex___t n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
191. pri_____ze people over cars v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
192. ine_____ncy in the system n. the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
193. economic sta_____on n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement
194. an_____e a chemical compound v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 186. entail, 187. empower, 188. donor, 189. dissolve, 190. extent, 191. prioritize, 192. inefficiency, 193. stagnation, 194. analyze

195. population ce___s *n.* an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels
196. 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
197. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
198. a bacterial in_____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
199. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
200. inf_____on pattern *n.* a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
201. a de_____ve ballot *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
202. 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
203. ex___d the speed limit *v.* to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired

ANSWERS: 195. census, 196. lobby, 197. continent, 198. infection, 199. grip, 200. inflection, 201. decisive, 202. talent, 203. exceed

204. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
205. en_____ch power *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
206. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
207. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
208. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
209. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
210. cap_____te the team *v.* to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose
211. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
212. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
213. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
214. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

ANSWERS: 204. grant, 205. entrench, 206. achievement, 207. infection, 208. recruit, 209. diaspora, 210. capacitate, 211. transition, 212. illustrate, 213. comparison, 214. priority

215. ap___y in the election *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
216. em____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
217. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
218. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
219. enormous ex_____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
220. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
221. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
222. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
223. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
224. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
225. reg_____ion for a course *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark

ANSWERS: 215. apathy, 216. emerging, 217. entrepreneurship, 218. critic, 219. expense, 220. define, 221. ego, 222. governance, 223. stereotype, 224. frightening, 225. registration

226. 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
227. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
228. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; *(verb)* to hold fast or firmly
229. political ap____y *n.* lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
230. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
231. population sta____on *n.* the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement
232. en____ch beliefs *v.* to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area
233. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 226. develop, 227. cancer, 228. grip, 229. apathy, 230. vary, 231. stagnation, 232. entrench, 233. convince

234. pe____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
235. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
236. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
237. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
238. ta____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
239. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
240. al____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
241. en____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
242. ig__e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
243. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
244. str____en out a problem *v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned
245. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 234. peaceful, 235. core, 236. intent, 237. responsible, 238. talented, 239. grateful, 240. alternate, 241. energetic, 242. ignore, 243. entirely, 244. straighten, 245. economy

246. a city vi_____t with life *adj.* full of energy, life, and enthusiasm
247. th_____ay item *adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
248. foods ind_____ble to good nutrition *adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
249. pa_____le solution *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
250. re_____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
251. public opinion p____ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
252. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
253. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
254. with a re_____ed voice *adj.* having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances
255. a ben_____nt individual *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

ANSWERS: 246. vibrant, 247. throwaway, 248. indispensable, 249. palatable, 250. reform, 251. poll, 252. compromise, 253. cult, 254. resigned, 255. benevolent

256. industry ter_____gy *n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession
257. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
258. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
259. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
260. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
261. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
262. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
263. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
264. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
265. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 256. terminology, 257. compromise, 258. aid, 259. competitive, 260. decide, 261. academic, 262. fellow, 263. intellect, 264. communal, 265. criticism

266. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
267. highest standards of exc_____ce *n.* the quality of being extremely good
268. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
269. reg_____ion agency *n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
270. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
271. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
272. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
273. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
274. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
275. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
276. cap_____te students *v.* to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose

ANSWERS: 266. reform, 267. excellence, 268. visionary, 269. registration, 270. enrich, 271. extent, 272. convincing, 273. conflict, 274. doom, 275. voter, 276. capacitate

277. te__t young people	v.	to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
278. country-by-country a_d programs	n.	things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
279. exc_____ce in product design	n.	the quality of being extremely good
280. v__y according to the age	v.	to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
281. re__r to a book	v.	to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
282. the longstanding co_____ct	n.	a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
283. el__t the school board	v.	to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
284. vice-pr_____nt for finance	n.	the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
285. unsatisfied de___e	n.	a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
286. cor_____le judges	adj.	capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
287. economic pro_____ty	n.	the state of being successful and having the good fortune

ANSWERS: 277. tempt, 278. aid, 279. excellence, 280. vary, 281. refer, 282. conflict, 283. elect, 284. president, 285. desire, 286. corruptible, 287. prosperity

288. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
289. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
290. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
291. f___y tempers *v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
292. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
293. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
294. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
295. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
296. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
297. an ind_____ble duty *adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
298. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 288. disgust, 289. enrich, 290. absence, 291. fray, 292. negotiation, 293. government, 294. sub-Saharan, 295. disrupt, 296. athlete, 297. indispensable, 298. entrepreneur

299. 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
300. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
301. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
302. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
303. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
304. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
305. d__t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
306. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
307. in_____le sound *adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard
308. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 299. recognize, 300. poll, 301. encounter, 302. doom, 303. frightening, 304. resistance, 305. deft, 306. weave, 307. inaudible, 308. talent

309. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
310. di_____im his rights *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
311. deg_____on by heat *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
312. di_____im ownership *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
313. im____t a secret *v.* to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
314. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
315. a data pi_____ne *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
316. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
317. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
318. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

ANSWERS: 309. involve, 310. disclaim, 311. degradation, 312. disclaim, 313. impart, 314. continent, 315. pipeline, 316. statistics, 317. politician, 318. humiliation

319. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
320. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
321. sh___k moral obligation *v.* to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do
322. pa_____le food *adj.* having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
323. have a whole m___s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
324. c___e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
325. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
326. s___k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
327. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
328. ta___t the atmosphere worldwide *v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element

ANSWERS: 319. uplift, 320. cancer, 321. shirk, 322. palatable, 323. mess, 324. core, 325. transfer, 326. sink, 327. sub-Saharan, 328. taint

329. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
330. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
331. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
332. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
333. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
334. de_____ve action *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
335. th_____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
336. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
337. 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
338. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 329. resistance, 330. alternate, 331. principle, 332. encourage, 333. incentive, 334. decisive, 335. thorough, 336. formidable, 337. recognize, 338. democracy

339. a foreign ac___t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
340. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
341. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
342. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
343. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 339. accent, 340. landscape, 341. recruit, 342. uplift, 343. infect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ victory in the war ended years of conflict.
adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
2. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.
n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
3. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
4. His business _____ took him to the United States.
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
5. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.
n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
6. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
7. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
8. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.
v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
9. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 1. decisive, 2. expenses, 3. transition, 4. commitments, 5. diaspora, 6. survival, 7. humiliation, 8. tempted, 9. intellect

10. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

11. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

12. His body rejected the liver of the _____.

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

13. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will ____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

14. 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

15. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

16. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

17. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 10. Emerging, 11. rev, 12. donor, 13. rot, 14. claim, 15. aid, 16. define, 17. frightening

18. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
19. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
20. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
21. The company's lack of innovation has led to _____ and declining profits.
n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement
22. The global economic crisis has led to pervasive _____ and powerlessness.
n. lack of emotion, concern, or enthusiasm
23. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly
24. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
25. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

ANSWERS: 18. Translate, 19. argue, 20. granted, 21. stagnation, 22. apathy, 23. alternate, 24. upward, 25. uplift

26. The _____ of the payment was delayed due to a technical error.
- n.* the act of sending money or paying a debt; a sum of money sent as payment or as a gift
27. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
28. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
29. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.
- adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
30. The scandal will _____ his reputation for years to come.
- v.* to damage or spoil the quality or integrity of something, particularly through association with a negative or undesirable influence or element
31. We must complete all of these courses in the following _____.
- n.* one of the periods that the school or university divided into, especially in the US and Australia; a half-year term
32. His involvement is the _____ of our plan.
- n.* a joint that holds the edge of a door, window, lid, etc. and allows it to open or close
33. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
- n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

ANSWERS: 26. remittance, 27. principle, 28. government, 29. energetic, 30. taint, 31. semester, 32. hinge, 33. urgency

34. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
35. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
36. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
37. The new rehabilitation program aimed to _____ patients with disabilities to live independently.
v. to give the ability or power to do something; to enable or qualify; to prepare something or someone for a particular use or purpose
38. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
39. My initial reaction was to _____.
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
40. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
41. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 34. Communal, 35. enriches, 36. grateful, 37. capacitate, 38. involves, 39. refuse, 40. polls, 41. compromised

42. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
- n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
43. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
44. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
- v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
45. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
46. The company's _____ in handling customer requests led to many complaints.
- n.* the lack of ability or effectiveness in producing the desired results or outcomes; the quality of being wasteful or unproductive
47. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
48. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 42. grip, 43. conflicts, 44. convince, 45. continent, 46. inefficiency, 47. innovation, 48. institutes

49. This _____ has never been formally accepted.

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

50. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

51. 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

52. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

53. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

54. 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

55. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

56. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

ANSWERS: 49. achievement, 50. encouraged, 51. develop, 52. transferred, 53. analyze, 54. recognize, 55. thorough, 56. formidable

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

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

58. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

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

v. to do something illegal or wrong

60. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

61. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

62. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

63. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

64. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

65. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

ANSWERS: 57. landscape, 58. desire, 59. committed, 60. perspective, 61. convincing, 62. overcome, 63. doom, 64. entirely, 65. monetary

66. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

67. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

68. She had _____ a fortune through wise investments and shrewd business decisions.

- v.* to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something over time; to collect or assemble for future use or reference

69. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

70. 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

71. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 66. disrupt, 67. cult, 68. amassed, 69. Industrial, 70. lobby, 71. intent

72. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
73. The online _____ process was quick and easy to complete.
- n.* the process of recording or enrolling for a particular course or event; the action or process of officially recording or enrolling something, such as a name or trademark
74. The edges of the old blanket had started to _____ so I decided to sew them up.
- v.* to become worn or damaged at the edges or with use; to become angry or upset, especially in a public or noisy way; to fight or engage in conflict
75. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
- n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
76. 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
77. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.
- n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
78. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.
- n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
79. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 72. critics, 73. registration, 74. fray, 75. governance, 76. decide, 77. degradation, 78. athlete, 79. encounter

80. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
81. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
- v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
82. She had knowledge she couldn't wait to _____.
- v. to expose or inform; to provide a portion of
83. 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
84. The vandals _____ the church by spray-painting graffiti on the walls.
- v. to pollute, contaminate, or make impure, often in a moral or religious sense; to violate or desecrate something sacred or cherished
85. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.
- n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
86. The athlete's performance _____ all expectations, breaking a world record.
- v. to surpass or go beyond a limit, expectation, or requirement; to be better or greater than anticipated or desired
87. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 80. empowered, 81. recruited, 82. impart, 83. pitch, 84. defiled, 85. ego, 86. exceeded, 87. elected

88. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
89. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
- n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
90. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
91. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
- n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
92. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
93. The job offer _____ a lot of responsibility and hard work.
- v.* to involve or require something as necessary, particularly as a consequence of a particular situation or action; to impose a burden or restriction on something
94. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
- n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
95. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 88. quo, 89. extent, 90. dissolved, 91. dysfunction, 92. inefficient, 93. entails, 94. savior, 95. strategy

96. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

97. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

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

98. The speaker's voice was _____ over the background noise.

- adj.* unable to be heard clearly or loud enough to be heard

99. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

100. I need to _____ my hair before I go to the party.

- v.* to make something straight or orderly; to adjust or fix something crooked, bent, or misaligned

101. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.

- n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

102. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

103. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 96. illustrate, 97. capture, 98. inaudible, 99. fellow, 100. straighten, 101. absence, 102. Democracy, 103. cores

104. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

105. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

106. She had a _____ look on her face when she realized that she had lost the race.

adj. having accepted something unpleasant or difficult, particularly a job or situation, without complaint or resistance; accepting one's fate or circumstances

107. The company had to state to _____ any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

108. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

109. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

110. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

111. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

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

ANSWERS: 104. vary, 105. vast, 106. resigned, 107. disclaim, 108. infections, 109. dictator, 110. voter, 111. Entrepreneurs

112. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.
n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
113. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
114. The main discussion topic is government _____.
n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through
115. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
116. She is _____ to our team.
adj. so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
117. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.
n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
118. 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
119. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 112. discotheque, 113. ignored, 114. transparency, 115. criticism, 116. indispensable, 117. disgust, 118. registry, 119. corruptible

120. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

121. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

122. I can't _____ my work responsibilities, even when taking a break is tempting.

v. to avoid or neglect one's responsibilities or duties; to evade or dodge something that one is expected or required to do

123. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

124. I could no longer earn my own _____.

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

125. The _____ musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

126. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

127. The government conducted a _____ of the population to gather data on demographics.

n. an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details such as age, sex, occupation, and education levels

ANSWERS: 120. diverse, 121. refer, 122. shirk, 123. constitution, 124. livelihood, 125. deft, 126. academic, 127. census

128. _____ plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.

adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded

129. The _____ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

130. The general tried to _____ his troops on the hill to avoid the attack.

v. to establish or settle something firmly and securely, especially an idea, practice, or position; to occupy a trench or secured area

131. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

132. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

133. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

134. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

ANSWERS: 128. Throwaway, 129. benevolent, 130. entrench, 131. talented, 132. cancer, 133. sub-Saharan, 134. economy

135. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

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

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

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

137. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

- n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

138. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.

- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

139. He was content with living a life of _____.

- n.* the state or quality of being average or of having only moderate ability, success, or value; the state or quality of being uninspired or unoriginal

140. The company's _____ all incoming phone calls and emails to ensure only important ones reached the boss.

- n.* a person, organization, or system that controls or monitors access to something, often a website, database, or institution; a person or group that controls or regulates access to information, especially for a particular perspective or interest

141. Her _____ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

ANSWERS: 135. mess, 136. statistics, 137. negotiation, 138. resistance, 139. mediocrity, 140. gatekeeper screened, 141. priority

142. A _____ private sector is crucial for economic growth.

adj. full of energy, life, and enthusiasm

143. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

144. The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used _____ at the beginning of the course.

n. the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession

145. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

146. I'm attending a leadership _____ next week.

n. a group meeting or class for discussion, teaching, or training on a particular subject

147. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

148. 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

149. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 142. vibrant, 143. peaceful, 144. terminology, 145. headline, 146. seminar, 147. entrepreneurship, 148. decision, 149. incentive

150. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
151. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
- v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
152. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
153. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
- adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
154. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
155. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
156. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
157. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 150. stereotypes, 151. weaves, 152. influence, 153. hopeless, 154. president, 155. prioritized, 156. infect, 157. sink

158. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

159. I've included the two designs for a _____.

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

160. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.

n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune

161. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

162. She has a thick southern _____.

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

163. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

164. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

165. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.

n. the quality of being extremely good

ANSWERS: 158. reform, 159. comparison, 160. prosperity, 161. pipeline, 162. accent, 163. corruption, 164. visionary, 165. excellence

166. The linguist studied the _____ of the language's inflection in speech.
n. a change in the pitch or tone of one's voice; a change in the form of a word to indicate tense, mood, gender, or other grammatical categories
167. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
168. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
169. 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
170. I'm usually a picky eater, but the seafood at this restaurant was surprisingly _____.
adj. having a pleasant or acceptable taste; pleasing or agreeable to the mind or senses; easily tolerated or accepted
171. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
172. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
adj. involving competition or competitiveness

ANSWERS: 166. inflection, 167. responsible, 168. politician, 169. talents, 170. palatable, 171. nation, 172. competitive