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Session 1: Word List

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

discombobulate

v. to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate

synonym: upset, confuse, muddle

(1) **discombobulate** the competition, (2) **discombobulate** the balance

The sudden power surge threatened to **discombobulate** the

entire computer system.

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.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

architect

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

synonym: creator, designer, planner

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

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

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

synonym: familiar, customary, habitual

(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints

I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym: beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym: assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

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.

rivalry

n. competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business

synonym: competition, contest, struggle

(1) fierce **rivalry**, (2) **rivalry** among airlines

The **rivalry** between the two teams was intense and heated.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym: evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

pause

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

synonym: halt, break, intermit

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

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

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym: surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

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.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym : person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something
synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness
That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east
The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
synonym: rate, ratio, portion

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

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

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

bet

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

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

I **bet** that you know it.

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.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym : beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

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**.

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.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym: fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym: unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum
The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car
The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated
The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

immovable

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

synonym: inflexible, fixed, rigid

(1) **immovable** property, (2) **immovable** facts
The corporation's CEO was an **immovable** force, determined to keep the company profitable at all costs.

grand

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

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain
This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

collision

n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

synonym: crash, impact, smash

(1) **collision** detection, (2) come into **collision** with my friend
The **collision** of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

consequent

adj. resulting or following as a result of something else;
(noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

synonym : resulting, following, logical

(1) **consequent** increase, (2) the fallacy of affirming the **consequent**

The increase in demand for the product led to a **consequent** rise in its price.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym : articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

synonym : implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye

The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

spartan

adj. of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity

synonym : ascetic, austere, hard

(1) **spartan** training, (2) a **spartan** diet

The soldier lived a **spartan** lifestyle, with few possessions and luxuries.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

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

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

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

toxic

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

synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

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

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

cocktail

n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal

synonym: appetizer, beverage

(1) a light **cocktail**, (2) **cocktail** of chemicals

We invited some friends for a **cocktail** party.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance

synonym: hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power

He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

paranoia

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

synonym: suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym: intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

insight

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

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

footstep

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

synonym: footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**

The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym: dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

meteoric

adj. relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving

synonym: swift, rapid, sudden

(1) **meteoric** explosion, (2) **meteoric** success

The athlete's **meteoric** rise to fame was the talk of the sports world.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym : amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes
She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym : periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

renovate

v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

synonym : renew, restore, revamp

(1) **renovate** a house, (2) **renovate** an office

We need to **renovate** the kitchen before moving into the new house.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym : roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

execution

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

synonym : carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

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.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym : skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand

trial.

banner

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

synonym: flag, pennant, advertisement

(1) the star-spangled **banner**, (2) **banner** advertising

They unfurled the **banners** in preparation for the ceremony.

trump

n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games

(1) **trump** card, (2) choose **trump**

The **trump** suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

intelligence

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

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

quantum

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

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

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

compute

v. to make a mathematical calculation

synonym: calculate

(1) **compute** an average score, (2) **compute** the value

I tried to **compute** the efficiency of the investment.

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.

advance

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

synonym: progress, boost, come along

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

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

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art
The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

ambiguous

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

synonym: unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points
The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision
The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy
Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

prerogative

n. a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom

synonym : entitlement, privilege, right

(1) **prerogative** of the king, (2) legislative **prerogative**

It is the president's **prerogative** to veto a bill that he doesn't agree with.

red-blooded

adj. possessing the physical and mental attributes traditionally associated with full vitality, strength, and virility, typically used to describe a person who is fully engaged in life and passionate about their pursuits

synonym : robust, hearty, strong

(1) **red-blooded** sports fanatic, (2) **red-blooded** patriotism

He was a **red-blooded** American boy who loved football and muscle cars.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym : legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym: panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym: diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

seesaw

n. a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground

synonym: teeter-totter, balance board

(1) **seesaw** motion, (2) **seesaw** effect

The children played on the **seesaw** in the park.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym : park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

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.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

These economic activities had disastrous environmental

consequences.

tectonic

adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

synonym : seismic, geologic, geological

(1) **tectonic** valleys, (2) a **tectonic** earthquake

The **tectonic** plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

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.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

protagonist

n. the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories

synonym : hero, central figure, leading character

(1) **protagonist** of drama, (2) play a **protagonist**

The **protagonist's** triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.

provocation

n. action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

synonym : agitation, incitement, stimulus

(1) **provocation** tactics, (2) verbal **provocation**

The politician's speech was seen as a **provocation** to the opposition party.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym : coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

assassination

n. the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

synonym : murder, killing, execution

(1) failed **assassination** attempt, (2) **assassination** plot

The **assassination** of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

ultimatum

n. a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met

synonym : demand, requirement, condition

(1) **ultimatum** deadline, (2) an **ultimatum** for their

rebellious teenager

The company issued an **ultimatum** to its employees, demanding a pay cut or face layoffs.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

apt

adj. having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose

synonym: capable, suitable, adept

(1) **apt** example, (2) **apt** wording

She has an **apt** sense of humor and always knows how to make people laugh.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

provocateur

n. a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy

synonym: inciter, agitator, instigator

(1) political **provocateur**, (2) social media **provocateur**

The movie director is considered a **provocateur** for his

controversial films that often address taboo subjects.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

assign

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

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

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

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

script

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

synonym : writing, penmanship, article

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

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

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym : tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

summon

v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
synonym: call for, muster, assemble

(1) **summon** a lawyer, (2) **summon** a city council

The chairperson was responsible for **summoning** committees.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

relevance

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

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

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

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

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

synonym : achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

conventional

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

synonym : ancestral, customary, established

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

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

statecraft

n. the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management

synonym : diplomacy, governance, politics

(1) **statecraft** diplomacy, (2) shrewd **statecraft**

Leadership in international relations requires skill in the art of **statecraft**.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

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.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym: rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

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**.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym : suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

reject

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

synonym : decline, turn down, repudiate

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

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

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

naive

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

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

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

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

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

synonym : marshal, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

exhausted

adj. extremely tired

synonym : drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

demobilize

v. to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource

synonym : disband, deactivate, release

(1) **demobilize** combatants, (2) **demobilize** soldiers

The board decided to **demobilize** some of the departments to streamline operations.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym : pressing, critical, immediate

(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

domestic

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

synonym : endemic, private, household

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

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym : program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

communist

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

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

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

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

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

declaration

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

synonym : statement, announcement, proclamation

(1) **declaration** of independence, (2) unilateral **declaration**

The President made the **declaration** of war.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym :

doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

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**.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a_t example *adj.* having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose
2. co_____e the value *v.* to make a mathematical calculation
3. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
4. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
5. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
6. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
7. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
8. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 1. apt, 2. compute, 3. encompass, 4. bump, 5. courage, 6. naive, 7. policy, 8. reject

9. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
10. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
11. shrewd sta_____ft *n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
12. victim of sexual as_____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
13. as_____n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
14. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
15. an ul_____um for their rebellious teenager *n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met
16. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
17. fierce ri_____y *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
18. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
19. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

ANSWERS: 9. lifetime, 10. innovation, 11. statecraft, 12. assault, 13. assign, 14. technological, 15. ultimatum, 16. pronounce, 17. rivalry, 18. emperor, 19. surpass

20. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
21. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
22. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
23. social media pro_____ur *n.* a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy
24. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
25. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
26. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
27. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
28. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
29. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
30. probabilistic qu_____m theory *n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
31. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

ANSWERS: 20. senator, 21. conclude, 22. survive, 23. provocateur, 24. concept, 25. announce, 26. unstoppable, 27. communist, 28. advance, 29. invention, 30. quantum, 31. scratch

32. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
33. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
34. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
35. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
36. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
37. a light co_____il *n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
38. sta_____ft diplomacy *n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
39. suffering from pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
40. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 32. bump, 33. ambitious, 34. represent, 35. determinant, 36. consequence, 37. cocktail, 38. statecraft, 39. paranoia, 40. introduction

41. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
42. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
43. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
44. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
45. ur___t situation *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
46. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
47. un___k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
48. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
49. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
50. first l___e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
51. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
52. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 41. technological, 42. destroy, 43. engage, 44. concept, 45. urgent, 46. amazing, 47. unpack, 48. threaten, 49. appreciate, 50. lane, 51. eventually, 52. traffic

53. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
54. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
55. pro_____st of drama *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
56. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
57. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
58. 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.
59. gr___e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
60. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
61. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
62. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

ANSWERS: 53. anniversary, 54. locate, 55. protagonist, 56. silent, 57. locate, 58. president, 59. grave, 60. increasingly, 61. arrogance, 62. committee

63. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
64. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
65. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
66. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
67. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
68. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
69. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
70. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
71. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
72. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
73. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
74. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
75. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 63. universal, 64. condemn, 65. decide, 66. imaginary, 67. consequence, 68. reconstruct, 69. toxic, 70. rival, 71. devastate, 72. grand, 73. opposition, 74. individual, 75. sophisticated

76. ul_____um deadline *n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met
77. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
78. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
79. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
80. su_____s imagination *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
81. py_____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
82. ri_____y among airlines *n.* competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
83. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
84. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

ANSWERS: 76. ultimatum, 77. ambiguous, 78. struggle, 79. ambitious, 80. surpass, 81. pyramid, 82. rivalry, 83. catastrophic, 84. percentage

85. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
86. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
87. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
88. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
89. political pro_____ur *n.* a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy
90. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
91. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
92. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
93. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
94. approaching fo_____eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

ANSWERS: 85. conflict, 86. creative, 87. remarkable, 88. pride, 89. provocateur, 90. dynamic, 91. threshold, 92. threaten, 93. spectrum, 94. footstep

95. un___k a concept
v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
96. en_____ss the enemy
v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
97. do_____ic airline
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
98. a do_____ic animal
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
99. an ur___t telegram
adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
100. de_____te an area
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
101. co_____il of chemicals
n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
102. p__e a challenge
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
103. a tra_____ry missile
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space
104. su___n a lawyer
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
105. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 95. unpack, 96. encompass, 97. domestic, 98. domestic, 99. urgent, 100. devastate, 101. cocktail, 102. pose, 103. trajectory, 104. summon, 105. remarkable

106. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
107. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
108. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
109. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
110. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
111. ex_____on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
112. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
113. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

ANSWERS: 106. condemn, 107. specific, 108. audacious, 109. trap, 110. dominant, 111. execution, 112. displace, 113. prospect

114. uns_____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
115. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
116. laws of qu_____m mechanics *n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
117. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
118. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
119. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
120. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
121. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
122. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
123. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
124. br__e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

ANSWERS: 114. unstoppable, 115. principal, 116. quantum, 117. realistic, 118. conflict, 119. philosophy, 120. nation, 121. bold, 122. dominant, 123. drag, 124. brute

125. a sp_____n diet
adj. of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity
126. an app_____te time
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
127. pro_____on tactics
n. action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
128. b_t my future
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
129. his conclusion was ob_____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
130. mental co_____e
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
131. pl____t like the Earth
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
132. re___e a request
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
133. hi_____ic accomplishment
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 125. spartan, 126. appropriate, 127. provocation, 128. bet, 129. obvious, 130. courage, 131. planet, 132. refuse, 133. historic

134. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
135. sp___l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
136. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
137. as_____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
138. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
139. me_____ic success *adj.* relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving
140. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
141. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
142. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

ANSWERS: 134. quest, 135. spiral, 136. statistics, 137. assault, 138. insight, 139. meteoric, 140. audacious, 141. miracle, 142. grade

143. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
144. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
145. se___w effect *n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground
146. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
147. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
148. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
149. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
150. compulsory ex_____on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
151. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
152. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
153. ba___r advertising *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

ANSWERS: 143. relation, 144. troop, 145. seesaw, 146. amazing, 147. Senate, 148. combination, 149. strike, 150. execution, 151. conclude, 152. flip, 153. banner

154. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
155. pr_____al actor *adj.* most important, main, or chief
156. as____n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
157. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
158. ma_____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
159. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
160. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
161. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
162. fo_____eps in the corridor *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

ANSWERS: 154. statistics, 155. principal, 156. assign, 157. opposition, 158. marshal, 159. imaginary, 160. dynamic, 161. republic, 162. footstep

163. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
164. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
165. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
166. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
167. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
168. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
169. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
170. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
171. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
172. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
173. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 163. bet, 164. trajectory, 165. react, 166. agenda, 167. script, 168. pronounce, 169. astonished, 170. lens, 171. intelligence, 172. inevitably, 173. grave

174. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
175. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
176. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
177. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
178. the re_____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
179. pre_____ve of the king *n.* a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom
180. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
181. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
182. a_t wording *adj.* having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose
183. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 174. propose, 175. appropriate, 176. bold, 177. relation, 178. republic, 179. prerogative, 180. invention, 181. toxic, 182. apt, 183. league

184. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
185. 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
186. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
187. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
188. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
189. te_____ic valleys *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
190. ex_____ed parents *adj.* extremely tired
191. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
192. 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.
193. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
194. dem_____ze soldiers *v.* to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource

ANSWERS: 184. ignore, 185. sink, 186. philosophy, 187. nation, 188. historic, 189. tectonic, 190. exhausted, 191. entirely, 192. president, 193. dimension, 194. demobilize

195. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
196. 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
197. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
198. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
199. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
200. acc_____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
201. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
202. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
203. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
204. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
205. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
206. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
207. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 195. entirely, 196. decide, 197. arrogance, 198. pose, 199. soar, 200. accustomed, 201. inevitably, 202. astonished, 203. conventional, 204. determinant, 205. emperor, 206. march, 207. pride

208. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
209. sp____n training *adj.* of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity
210. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
211. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
212. a baseball le___e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
213. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
214. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
215. unilateral dec_____on *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
216. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 208. vivid, 209. spartan, 210. individual, 211. introduction, 212. league, 213. miracle, 214. scratch, 215. declaration, 216. lifetime

217. dec_____on of independence	<i>n.</i>	a formal or explicit statement or announcement
218. re__t at a high temperature	<i>v.</i>	to take action in response to something
219. app_____ly unrelated	<i>adv.</i>	based on what you have heard or read
220. failed ass_____ion attempt	<i>n.</i>	the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
221. merge with a ri__l company	<i>n.</i>	a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
222. a per_____ve view	<i>n.</i>	a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
223. en___e a new employee	<i>v.</i>	to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
224. genic com_____ons	<i>n.</i>	a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
225. pu___e freedoms	<i>v.</i>	to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
226. face inc_____gly complicated challenges	<i>adv.</i>	more and more
227. dem_____ze combatants	<i>v.</i>	to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource

ANSWERS: 217. declaration, 218. react, 219. apparently, 220. assassination, 221. rival, 222. perspective, 223. engage, 224. combination, 225. pursue, 226. increasingly, 227. demobilize

228. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
229. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
230. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
231. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
232. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
233. legislative pre_____ve *n.* a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom
234. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
235. economic pro_____ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
236. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
237. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
238. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 228. opportune, 229. catastrophic, 230. lane, 231. inevitable, 232. reaction, 233. prerogative, 234. drag, 235. prosperity, 236. crazy, 237. chart, 238. lens

239. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
240. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
241. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
242. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
243. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
244. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
245. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
246. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
247. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
248. the fallacy of affirming the
con_____nt *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
249. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
250. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 239. perspective, 240. crazy, 241. competent, 242. script, 243. survive, 244. occasionally, 245. silent, 246. aggressive, 247. planet, 248. consequent, 249. opportune, 250. struggle

251. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
252. economically fe____le *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
253. an agg____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
254. 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
255. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
256. have no re____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
257. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
258. co____e an average score *v.* to make a mathematical calculation
259. dis____ate the balance *v.* to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate
260. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
261. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
262. me____ic explosion *adj.* relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving

ANSWERS: 251. pause, 252. feasible, 253. aggressive, 254. economy, 255. poverty, 256. relevance, 257. naive, 258. compute, 259. discombobulate, 260. announce, 261. quest, 262. meteoric

263. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
264. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
265. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
266. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
267. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
268. occ_____lly change the routine *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
269. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
270. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
271. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
272. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
273. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 263. government, 264. playground, 265. percentage, 266. sophisticated, 267. refuse, 268. occasionally, 269. creative, 270. architect, 271. dimension, 272. reconstruct, 273. threshold

274. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
275. in_____l confidence *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
276. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
277. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
278. encourage pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
279. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
280. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
281. tr__p card *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
282. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 274. pursue, 275. instill, 276. spectrum, 277. traffic, 278. paranoia, 279. poverty, 280. tweet, 281. trump, 282. reaction

283. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
284. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
285. p__k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
286. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
287. br__e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
288. 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
289. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
290. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
291. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
292. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

ANSWERS: 283. trap, 284. accelerate, 285. peck, 286. reject, 287. brute, 288. sink, 289. communist, 290. obvious, 291. soar, 292. playground

293. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
294. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
295. sp____l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
296. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
297. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
298. dis_____ate the competition *v.* to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate
299. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
300. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
301. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
302. come into co_____on with my friend *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

ANSWERS: 293. innovation, 294. tragedy, 295. spiral, 296. senator, 297. pause, 298. discombobulate, 299. tweet, 300. fin, 301. accelerate, 302. collision

303. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
304. im_____le property *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible
305. play a pro_____st *n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
306. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
307. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
308. deputy ma_____l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
309. se___w motion *n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground
310. a su___e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
311. a tr___p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 303. universal, 304. immovable, 305. protagonist, 306. agenda, 307. fin, 308. marshal, 309. seesaw, 310. surge, 311. troop

312. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
313. re_____te an office *v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
314. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
315. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
316. su____n a city council *v.* to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
317. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
318. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
319. acc_____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
320. fe_____le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
321. ass_____ion plot *n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives
322. im_____le facts *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

ANSWERS: 312. appreciate, 313. renovate, 314. apparently, 315. prosperity, 316. summon, 317. destroy, 318. march, 319. accustomed, 320. feasible, 321. assassination, 322. immovable

323. choose tr__p *n.* a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
324. red_____ed sports fanatic *adj.* possessing the physical and mental attributes traditionally associated with full vitality, strength, and virility, typically used to describe a person who is fully engaged in life and passionate about their pursuits
325. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
326. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
327. red_____ed patriotism *adj.* possessing the physical and mental attributes traditionally associated with full vitality, strength, and virility, typically used to describe a person who is fully engaged in life and passionate about their pursuits
328. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
329. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
330. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

ANSWERS: 323. trump, 324. red-blooded, 325. displace, 326. ignore, 327. red-blooded, 328. grade, 329. surge, 330. committee

331. job pr____cts
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
332. a profound in____t
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
333. re____te a house
- v.* to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair
334. verbal pro____on
- n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
335. the star-spangled ba____r
- n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
336. landscape ar____ct
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 331. prospect, 332. insight, 333. renovate, 334. provocation, 335. banner, 336. architect

337. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
338. in____l medication into my eye *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
339. pr____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
340. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
341. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
342. field of artificial int____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
343. clarify am____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
344. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
345. co____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
346. the ex____ed food sources *adj.* extremely tired
347. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 337. specific, 338. instill, 339. propose, 340. chart, 341. advance, 342.

intelligence, 343. ambiguous, 344. pyramid, 345. competent, 346. exhausted, 347.
policy

348. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
349. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
350. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
351. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
352. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
353. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
354. con_____nt increase *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
355. co_____on detection *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
356. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
357. a te_____ic earthquake *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

ANSWERS: 348. conventional, 349. inevitable, 350. flip, 351. eventually, 352. anniversary, 353. tragedy, 354. consequent, 355. collision, 356. strike, 357. tectonic

358. 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
359. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
360. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
361. Se____e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
362. p__k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
363. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
364. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
365. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 358. economy, 359. vivid, 360. grand, 361. Senate, 362. peck, 363. represent, 364. government, 365. relevance

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
2. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
3. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
4. The _____ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.
n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
5. 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
6. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.
n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
7. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 1. entirely, 2. imaginary, 3. silent, 4. execution, 5. economy, 6. anniversary, 7. creative

8. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
9. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.
- adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
10. The _____ triumph over adversity was the theme of this play.
- n.* the main character in a literary work, film, or other stories
11. The man _____ before opening the door.
- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
12. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
13. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
- n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
14. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.
- v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
15. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 8. philosophy, 9. aggressive, 10. protagonist's, 11. paused, 12. appreciate, 13. republic, 14. unpack, 15. threatening

16. 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
17. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
18. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
19. The team's winning streak was _____.
adj. impossible to stop or prevent
20. We invited some friends for a _____ party.
n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
21. They unfurled the _____ in preparation for the ceremony.
n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
22. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
23. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 16. decide, 17. fins, 18. naive, 19. unstoppable, 20. cocktail, 21. banners, 22. concept, 23. poverty

24. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
25. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
26. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
27. The _____ suit in the game of bridge is determined at the beginning of each hand.
n. a playing card with a picture of a trumpeter on it, used in certain card games
28. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
30. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
31. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 24. senator, 25. pyramids, 26. crazy, 27. trump, 28. opportune, 29. strike, 30. accelerate, 31. remarkable

32. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

33. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

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

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

35. The _____ plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

- adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

36. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

37. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.

- n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

38. 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: 32. scratch, 33. specific, 34. toxic, 35. tectonic, 36. opposition, 37. marshal, 38. sink

39. Leadership in international relations requires skill in the art of _____.
- n.* the skill or practice of conducting government affairs; the art of diplomacy or political management
40. He was a _____ American boy who loved football and muscle cars.
- adj.* possessing the physical and mental attributes traditionally associated with full vitality, strength, and virility, typically used to describe a person who is fully engaged in life and passionate about their pursuits
41. The sudden power surge threatened to _____ the entire computer system.
- v.* to confuse, disconcert, upset, or frustrate
42. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.
- adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
43. We _____ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
44. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
- n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
45. I tried to _____ the efficiency of the investment.
- v.* to make a mathematical calculation
46. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
47. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 39. statecraft, 40. red-blooded, 41. discombobulate, 42. inevitably, 43. concluded, 44. pride, 45. compute, 46. reconstruct, 47. planet

48. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
49. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
50. 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
51. She made a _____ impression.
adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
52. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
53. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.
adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
54. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.
v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
55. The _____ between the two teams was intense and heated.
n. competition or opposition between people or groups, especially in sports or business
56. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 48. soared, 49. courage, 50. conflicts, 51. vivid, 52. combination, 53. urgent, 54. devastate, 55. rivalry, 56. propose

57. 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
58. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
59. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
60. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
61. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
adj. most important, main, or chief
62. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
63. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.
adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
64. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
65. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 57. nation, 58. rivals, 59. assign, 60. inevitable, 61. principal, 62. pronounce, 63. ambiguous, 64. spectrum, 65. troop

66. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
67. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
68. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
69. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
70. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
71. The President made the _____ of war.
- n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
72. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
73. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
- n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
74. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 66. lifetime, 67. flipped, 68. grade, 69. grand, 70. percentage, 71. declaration, 72. introduction, 73. league, 74. consequences

75. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

76. The company issued an _____ to its employees, demanding a pay cut or face layoffs.

- n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met

77. The _____ of the president sent shockwaves through the nation.

- n.* the act of killing a public figure, especially a political leader, usually for political or religious motives

78. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.

- adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

79. The enemy fell right into the _____.

- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

80. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

81. We got caught up in an _____ case.

- n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

82. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.

- adj.* extremely surprised and upset

ANSWERS: 75. struggle, 76. ultimatum, 77. assassination, 78. audacious, 79. trap, 80. universal, 81. assault, 82. astonished

83. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
84. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
85. The movie director is considered a _____ for his controversial films that often address taboo subjects.
n. a person who deliberately behaves in a way to provoke or challenge others, often to incite strong reactions or controversy
86. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
87. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
88. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.
adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
89. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
90. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 83. domestic, 84. miracle, 85. provocateur, 86. tweet, 87. insights, 88. communist, 89. relations, 90. advance

91. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

92. The athlete's record-breaking performance _____ all expectations.

- v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

93. That story was so _____ and it was scary.

- adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

94. 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.

95. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.

- n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

96. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

97. The children played on the _____ in the park.

- n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground

98. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.

- n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 91. represent, 92. surpassed, 93. realistic, 94. president, 95. spiral, 96. marched, 97. seesaw, 98. lane

99. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

100. My initial reaction was to _____.

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

101. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.

- adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often

102. This pie _____ represents our market share.

- n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

103. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

104. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

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

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

106. The board decided to _____ some of the departments to streamline operations.

- v.* to discharge or release soldiers, military personnel, or other personnel from active service or duty; to disband or break up a military unit or force; to withdraw or deactivate a military force or resource

ANSWERS: 99. invention, 100. refuse, 101. occasionally, 102. chart, 103. historic, 104. traffic, 105. relevance, 106. demobilize

107. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
108. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
109. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
110. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
- n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
111. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n. a long or challenging search for something
112. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
113. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
114. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
- v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

ANSWERS: 107. engaged, 108. individual, 109. intelligence, 110. agenda, 111. quest, 112. locate, 113. graves, 114. pose

115. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

116. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

117. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

118. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

119. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

120. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

121. The corporation's CEO was an _____ force, determined to keep the company profitable at all costs.

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

ANSWERS: 115. Technological, 116. announced, 117. dominant, 118. lens, 119. prospect, 120. encompass, 121. immovable

122. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

123. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

124. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

125. I ___ that you know it.

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

126. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

127. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

128. She has an ___ sense of humor and always knows how to make people laugh.

adj. having a natural talent, inclination, or tendency for a particular activity, skill, or trait; appropriate or fitting for a specific situation or purpose

129. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 122. trajectory, 123. dynamic, 124. playground, 125. bet, 126. feasible, 127. ignored, 128. apt, 129. displace

130. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

131. The soldier lived a _____ lifestyle, with few possessions and luxuries.

adj. of or relating to Sparta (= a prominent city-state in Laconia, in ancient Greece) or its people; showing self-discipline and determination, especially in the face of hardship or adversity

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

133. The _____ of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

134. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

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

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

136. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

137. We need to _____ the kitchen before moving into the new house.

v. to improve or restore something to a better or more modern condition; to revamp or update something old, outdated, or in disrepair

ANSWERS: 130. catastrophic, 131. spartan, 132. obvious, 133. collision, 134. policy, 135. destroyed, 136. survive, 137. renovate

138. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.

- n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

139. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

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

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

141. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

- n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

142. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

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

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

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

144. The _____ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

- n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

145. How did he _____ to your idea?

- v.* to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 138. surge, 139. threshold, 140. architect, 141. committee, 142. conventional, 143. reaction, 144. brute, 145. react

146. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
147. The chairperson was responsible for _____ committees.
v. to order someone to come to or be present at a specific place such as a court, or to arrange a meeting formally
148. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.
n. the state of being successful and having the good fortune
149. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.
n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
150. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
151. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
152. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
153. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
154. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 146. condemned, 147. summoning, 148. prosperity, 149. arrogance, 150. increasingly, 151. amazing, 152. tragedy, 153. appropriate, 154. bold

155. 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

156. I am _____ to waking up early for work.

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

157. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

158. It is the president's _____ to veto a bill that he doesn't agree with.

n. a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom

159. The sound of oncoming _____ grew louder, closer.

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

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

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

161. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

162. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 155. government, 156. accustomed, 157. bumped, 158. prerogative, 159. footsteps, 160. quantum, 161. paranoia, 162. dimensions

163. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
164. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
165. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
166. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
167. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
168. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
169. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.
adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
170. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 163. rejected, 164. statistics, 165. ambitious, 166. perspective, 167. Senate, 168. determinant, 169. competent, 170. pursue

171. The _____ runner fell to the ground and gasped.

adj. extremely tired

172. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

173. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

174. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.

n. the male ruler of an empire

175. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

176. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

177. The politician's speech was seen as a _____ to the opposition party.

n. action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

178. The athlete's _____ rise to fame was the talk of the sports world.

adj. relating to or resembling a meteor; characterized by sudden and impressive success or accomplishment, often short-lived and fast-moving

179. The increase in demand for the product led to a _____ rise in its price.

adj. resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

ANSWERS: 171. exhausted, 172. instill, 173. apparently, 174. Emperor, 175. sophisticated, 176. dragged, 177. provocation, 178. meteoric, 179. consequent

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

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

181. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

182. 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

183. The wood_____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

ANSWERS: 180. script, 181. eventually, 182. innovation, 183. pecker