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Session 1: Word List

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

sapiens

n. the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens

synonym : human, Homo sapiens, humankind

(1) fossil Homo **sapiens**, (2) **sapiens** evolution

Homo **sapiens** is the scientific name for modern humans.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

calorie

n. unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

(1) **calorie** calculation, (2) reduce my **calorie** intake

It would be best if you burned off **calories** through vigorous exercise.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

skit

n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance

synonym: sketch, parody, routine

(1) comedy **skit**, (2) political **skit**

The comedy group performed a hilarious **skit** about life in quarantine.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

rocket

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

or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

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

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

exponential

adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function

Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

photosynthesis

n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym :

eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

excess

n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

synonym: exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

pest

n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

synonym : nuisance, problem, annoyance

(1) **pest** control, (2) a **pest** of bean plants

The gardener used natural methods to keep **pests** away from her plants.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym : hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

starfish

n. marine invertebrate that belongs to the phylum Echinodermata, characterized by a five-armed body shape that resembles a star, typically found on or near the seafloor

synonym : sea star, echinoderm, asteroid

(1) **starfish** arm, (2) **starfish** habitat

The **starfish's** unique shape helps it to escape from predators quickly.

zebra

n. a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

synonym : striped horse, wild horse

(1) **zebra** pattern, (2) **zebra** crossing

The **zebra's** distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

spruce

n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

synonym : fir, pine, (verb) clean

(1) **spruce** appearance, (2) **spruce** forest

The **spruce** tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

synonym : shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

hundredfold

adj. a hundred times as great or as much

(1) rise nearly **hundredfold**, (2) improve **hundredfold**

The development team reported two **hundredfold** increases in performance.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

protozoa

n. a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals

synonym : microorganism, unicellular organism, amoeba

(1) free-living **protozoa**, (2) **protozoa** species

The water in the lake was contaminated with high levels of **protozoa**, making it unsafe for swimming or drinking.

petri

n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes

Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

nutrient

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

synonym : food, vitamin

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

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

goo

n. a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing

synonym : slime, muck, gunk

(1) oozing **goo**, (2) slime **goo**

The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling **goo**.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym : earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym : crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym : outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

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.

doom

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

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

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

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

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym : block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the

market within a year.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

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

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

wizard

n. a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

synonym : sorcerer, magician, alchemist

(1) a **wizard** at chess, (2) financial **wizard**

He was a **wizard** at solving complex mathematical equations.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym : oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

techno

n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive,

synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field

(1) **techno** beat, (2) **techno** festival

The club's playlist featured a lot of **techno** music.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym: difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

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.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

transgress

v. to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something

synonym: trespass, violate, infringe

(1) **transgress** boundaries, (2) **transgress** against the rules

The company was fined for **transgressing** environmental regulations.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym: sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

megacity

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

(1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project

The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

tract

n. a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body

synonym : region, area, tube

(1) a urinary **tract** infection, (2) a **tract** of virgin forest

The farmer owns a large **tract** of land where he grows corn and soybeans.

untouched

adj. not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

synonym : untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape

The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

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.

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

atom

n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

synonym : particle, element, fraction

(1) oxygen **atom**, (2) neutral hydrogen **atoms**

The outermost electron shell of an **atom** determines its

chemical characteristics.

materialize

v. to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way

synonym: appear, manifest, emerge

(1) **materialize** a cease-fire, (2) **materialize** in the dimness

The expected profits from their new venture did not **materialize** as predicted.

capitalism

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

synonym: commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

compact

adj. closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

synonym: packed, tight, consolidated

(1) a **compact** camera, (2) extremely **compact** device

Two countries acted together as if by **compact**.

nuclear

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

synonym: atomic

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

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

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

productive

adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

synonym: efficient, fruitful, successful

(1) low **productive** capacity, (2) **productive** meeting

The new employee proved extremely **productive**, completing projects ahead of schedule.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

modify

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

synonym: adjust, alter, revise

(1) genetically **modify** food, (2) **modify** my behavior

We use adverbs to **modify** verbs and adjectives.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

throughput

n. the amount of material or information that can be processed by a system or organization over a given period of time

synonym : output, capacity

(1) workplace **throughput**, (2) network **throughput**

The data center's **throughput** is impressive, allowing for quick processing of large amounts of data.

desalination

n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater

(1) shut down a **desalination** plant, (2) water **desalination**

He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-**desalination** method.

aquifer

n. an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water

(1) **aquifer** soil, (2) subsurface **aquifer**

Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground **aquifers**.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym : develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym : freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

erosion

n. the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

synonym: corrosion, weathering, decay

(1) **erosion** control, (2) wind **erosion**

The **erosion** of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

microbiome

n. the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body

synonym: flora

(1) skin **microbiome**, (2) have a diverse **microbiome**

The gut **microbiome** is a major producer of serotonin, which is necessary for human mental stability.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

pile *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another;
a large sum of something, such as money
synonym : accumulation, heap, stack
(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**
After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

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**.

dispose *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position;
to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood;
throw or cast away
synonym : get rid of, arrange, set
(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used
product
Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a
language.

cesspit *n.* a pit or tank used for the disposal of human waste or
sewage
synonym : latrine, sewer, privy
(1) **cesspit** cleaning, (2) stuck in the **cesspit**
The public **cesspit** was overflowing and causing a major
health hazard.

corruption *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of
people in positions of power
synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration
(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

inequality *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have
more opportunity, money, etc. than others;

(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

agrarian

adj. relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance

synonym : agricultural, farming, rural

(1) **agrarian** society, (2) **agrarian** reform

Most of the people in the **agrarian** community work in agriculture.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

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

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

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym : induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

background

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

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

capture

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

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

rainfall

n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment

synonym : downpour, drizzle, rain

(1) the mean annual **rainfall**, (2) heavy **rainfall**

These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant **rainfall**.

reuse

v. to use something again or more than once

synonym : reprocess, recycle, rehash

(1) **reuse** the materials, (2) **reuse** existing knowledge

The supermarket encourages shoppers to **reuse** plastic bags.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

endlessly

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

synonym : ceaselessly, interminably, unceasingly

(1) repeat **endlessly**, (2) worry **endlessly** about our future

The procession of demonstrators was **endlessly** continuing.

tub *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
synonym : bathtub, bath, basin
(1) **tub** for foot soaking, (2) **tub** for washing
I like to take a long soak in the **tub** after a long day.

cereal *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
synonym : grain, oatmeal, breakfast food
(1) **cereal** grain, (2) cold **cereal**
I always start my morning with a bowl of **cereal**.

wheat *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
synonym : grain, cereal
(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop
The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

renewable *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
synonym : sustainable, replaceable
(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions
The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

submit *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
synonym : hand in, present, propose
(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application
Please **submit** the assignment to me.

restraint *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
synonym : constraint, limitation, control

(1) physical **restraint**, (2) self- **restraint**

It's important to practice **restraint** when it comes to spending money.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

regard

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

synonym: consider, see, reckon

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

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

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

synonym: retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

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.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym: prolong, lengthen, advance

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

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

shunt

v. to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid

synonym: redirect, divert, reroute

(1) **shunt** surgery, (2) **shunt** the output wavelength

The railway workers had to **shunt** the train to a different track to clear the tracks.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

labor

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

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

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

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

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym: building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major

reprocessing plants.

fantasy

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

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

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

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

brake

n. a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

synonym: damper, restraint, check

(1) apply the **brake**, (2) **brake** pedal

The results of that election put a **brake** on political reform.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

emphasis

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

synonym: priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy

The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

unbridled

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

synonym : unrestrained, unchecked, unfettered

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

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

argument

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

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

resolve

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

synonym : decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

illusory

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

synonym : illusive, deceptive, delusional

(1) **illusory** wealth, (2) **illusory** hope

The promise of easy money turned out to be **illusory**.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym : tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof
During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

lame

adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

synonym : cripple, gimp, hobbled

(1) a **lame** older man, (2) **lame** apology

The **lame** horse was unable to race.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym : amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

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**.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

convince

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

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

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

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**
The woods **embrace** the house.

routinely

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

synonym : habitually, regularly, customarily

(1) **routinely** check, (2) **routinely** scheduled maintenance
They **routinely** conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**
The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

leaky

adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it

synonym : faulty, permeable, porous

(1) heal **leaky** gut, (2) **leaky** bucket
The boat had a **leaky** hull and needed to be patched.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

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.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym: ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

synonym: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

nuke

v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

synonym : blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

shuttle

n. a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads

synonym : ferry, transport, convey

(1) space **shuttle**, (2) **shuttle** service

The **shuttle** bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.

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.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

argue

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

reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

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.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym : midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

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.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym : antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

uranium

n. a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants

synonym : U

(1) **uranium** mining, (2) radioactive **uranium** isotope
The mining and processing of **uranium** can lead to releasing radioactive materials into the environment.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

rickety

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

synonym: unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym: provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

survival

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

synonym: endurance, continuity

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

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

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.

safeguard

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

synonym: protect, assure, conserve

(1) **safeguard** my property, (2) **safeguard** environmental quality

This measure will **safeguard** people against terrorism.

biome

n. a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest

synonym: ecosystem, habitat, biota

(1) **biome** conservation, (2) marine **biome**

The rainforest is one of the most diverse **biomes** on the planet.

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.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
2. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
3. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
4. business sp____e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
5. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
6. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
7. low pro____ve capacity *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
8. go____n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
9. a co____t camera *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
10. use of nu____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 1. explode, 2. vast, 3. amazing, 4. sphere, 5. odd, 6. massive, 7. productive, 8. govern, 9. compact, 10. nuclear

11. network thr_____ut
n. the amount of material or information that can be processed by a system or organization over a given period of time
12. sp___e forest
n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
13. the mean annual ra_____ll
n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
14. stuck in the ce_____t
n. a pit or tank used for the disposal of human waste or sewage
15. ma_____e stars
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
16. st_____sh arm
n. marine invertebrate that belongs to the phylum Echinodermata, characterized by a five-armed body shape that resembles a star, typically found on or near the seafloor
17. ar__e a case
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
18. in an o_d way
adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
19. te___o beat
n. a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field

ANSWERS: 11. throughput, 12. spruce, 13. rainfall, 14. cesspit, 15. massive, 16. starfish, 17. argue, 18. odd, 19. techno

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adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
27. de___e my position
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
28. comedy s__t
n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
29. a cell phone with an internet
fa_____ty
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
30. ze__a crossing
n. a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

ANSWERS: 20. well-being, 21. guarantee, 22. giant, 23. renewable, 24. cynical, 25. critic, 26. ordinary, 27. define, 28. skit, 29. facility, 30. zebra

31. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once
32. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
33. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
34. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
35. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
36. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
37. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
38. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
39. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
40. ur_____ze a region *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

ANSWERS: 31. reuse, 32. genetically, 33. journalist, 34. argument, 35. transit, 36. survival, 37. willingness, 38. demonstrate, 39. nutrient, 40. urbanize

41. subsurface aq_____r *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
42. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
43. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
44. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
45. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
46. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
47. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
48. mu___l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
49. radioactive ur_____m isotope *n.* a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants

ANSWERS: 41. aquifer, 42. devote, 43. ecology, 44. process, 45. consume, 46. cynical, 47. exploit, 48. mussel, 49. uranium

50. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
51. dr___n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
52. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
53. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
54. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
55. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
56. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
57. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
58. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
59. water des_____ion *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
60. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 50. deploy, 51. drown, 52. renewable, 53. bud, 54. peril, 55. graph, 56. demonstrate, 57. mass, 58. roughly, 59. desalination, 60. argue

61. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
62. ur_____m mining *n.* a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants
63. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
64. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
65. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
66. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
67. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
68. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
69. sa_____rd my property *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
70. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
71. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

ANSWERS: 61. climate, 62. uranium, 63. bound, 64. nation, 65. chunk, 66. exploit, 67. ruin, 68. recycle, 69. safeguard, 70. survive, 71. liberty

72. pro_____ty of humankind *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
73. lay great em_____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
74. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
75. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
76. process of pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
77. I was dr_____ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
78. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
79. mu_____l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
80. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
81. ri_____y chair *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
82. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 72. prosperity, 73. emphasis, 74. engineer, 75. interconnect, 76. photosynthesis, 77. drown, 78. consume, 79. mussel, 80. facility, 81. rickety, 82. ecosystem

83. gl_____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
84. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
85. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
86. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
87. r___n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
88. unpaid w___es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
89. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
90. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
91. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
92. sa_____rd environmental quality *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
93. cou_____de scenery *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

ANSWERS: 83. glitter, 84. fundamental, 85. recycle, 86. pile, 87. ruin, 88. wage, 89. typical, 90. agriculture, 91. explode, 92. safeguard, 93. countryside

94. slime g_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
95. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
96. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
97. ca____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
98. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
99. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
100. workplace thr_____ut *n.* the amount of material or information that can be processed by a system or organization over a given period of time
101. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
102. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
103. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

ANSWERS: 94. goo, 95. corruption, 96. argument, 97. carbon, 98. giant, 99. environment, 100. throughput, 101. fuel, 102. willingness, 103. toxic

104. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
105. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
106. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
107. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
108. st_____sh habitat *n.* marine invertebrate that belongs to the phylum Echinodermata, characterized by a five-armed body shape that resembles a star, typically found on or near the seafloor
109. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
110. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
111. pr_____oa species *n.* a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals
112. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
113. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

ANSWERS: 104. disappear, 105. extend, 106. pile, 107. bud, 108. starfish, 109. climate, 110. democracy, 111. protozoa, 112. pray, 113. rip

114. hom_____al rights *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
115. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
116. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
117. blood-sucking pa_____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
118. sh_____e service *n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
119. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
120. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
121. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
122. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
123. re__e existing knowledge *v.* to use something again or more than once
124. er_____n control *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

ANSWERS: 114. homosexual, 115. industrial, 116. constrain, 117. parasite, 118. shuttle, 119. pray, 120. dense, 121. guarantee, 122. aspiration, 123. reuse, 124. erosion

125. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
126. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
127. heavy ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
128. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
129. ca_____e calculation *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
130. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
131. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
132. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
133. ro_____ly scheduled maintenance *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

ANSWERS: 125. amazing, 126. starve, 127. rainfall, 128. opposition, 129. calorie, 130. genetically, 131. destroy, 132. environment, 133. routinely

134. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
135. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
136. br__e pedal *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
137. pe__i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
138. pro_____ve meeting *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
139. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
140. physical re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
141. mat_____ze a cease-fire *v.* to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way
142. ze__a pattern *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

ANSWERS: 134. communal, 135. reproduce, 136. brake, 137. petri, 138. productive, 139. embrace, 140. restraint, 141. materialize, 142. zebra

143. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
144. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
145. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
146. bi__e conservation *n.* a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest
147. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
148. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
149. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
150. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
151. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
152. political s__t *n.* a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
153. apply the br__e *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

ANSWERS: 143. broad, 144. vision, 145. ecosystem, 146. biome, 147. conservation, 148. communal, 149. mere, 150. peril, 151. obvious, 152. skit, 153. brake

154. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
155. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
156. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
157. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
158. un_____ed power *adj.* lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled
159. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
160. rise nearly hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
161. free-living pr_____oa *n.* a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals

ANSWERS: 154. develop, 155. alarm, 156. march, 157. cape, 158. unbridled, 159. regard, 160. hundredfold, 161. protozoa

162. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
163. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
164. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
165. wind er_____n *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
166. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
167. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
168. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
169. mo___y my behavior *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
170. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

ANSWERS: 162. devote, 163. dispose, 164. constrain, 165. erosion, 166. capitalism, 167. prop, 168. disappear, 169. modify, 170. toxic

171. di_____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
172. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
173. re_____s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
174. give the al___m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
175. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
176. de___e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
177. be in a di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
178. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
179. s___ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

ANSWERS: 171. dispose, 172. freshwater, 173. regress, 174. alarm, 175. govern, 176. dense, 177. dilemma, 178. viewpoint, 179. soil

180. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
181. self-re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
182. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
183. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
184. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
185. n__e missile *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
186. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
187. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
188. sh__t surgery *v.* to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid

ANSWERS: 180. rocket, 181. restraint, 182. survive, 183. recognize, 184. destroy, 185. nuke, 186. consumption, 187. quarter, 188. shunt

189. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
190. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
191. reduce my ca_____e intake *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
192. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
193. n__e a city *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
194. ex____d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
195. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
196. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
197. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 189. background, 190. envision, 191. calorie, 192. dwarf, 193. nuke, 194. extend, 195. corporate, 196. roll, 197. march

198. aesthetic vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
199. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
200. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
201. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
202. bacteria on pe__i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
203. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
204. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
205. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
206. pa_____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
207. mat_____ze in the dimness *v.* to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way

ANSWERS: 198. viewpoint, 199. deploy, 200. volume, 201. installation, 202. petri, 203. millennium, 204. expand, 205. zone, 206. parasite, 207. materialize

208. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
209. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
210. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
211. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
212. words of the pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
213. a urinary tr__t infection *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
214. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
215. oxygenic pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
216. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
217. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
218. false pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

ANSWERS: 208. hostility, 209. nation, 210. nutrient, 211. millennium, 212. prophet, 213. tract, 214. bang, 215. photosynthesis, 216. crop, 217. poverty, 218. prophet

219. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
220. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
221. marine bi___e *n.* a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest
222. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
223. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
224. l___e apology *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
225. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
226. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
227. a l___e older man *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
228. exp_____al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

ANSWERS: 219. journalist, 220. embrace, 221. biome, 222. define, 223. volume, 224. lame, 225. aspiration, 226. recipe, 227. lame, 228. exponential

229. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
230. il____ry hope *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
231. oxygen a__m *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
232. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
233. tra_____ss boundaries *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
234. gl____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
235. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
236. il____ry wealth *adj.* not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion
237. financial wi____d *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
238. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
239. improve hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much

ANSWERS: 229. develop, 230. illusory, 231. atom, 232. surround, 233. transgress, 234. glitter, 235. biology, 236. illusory, 237. wizard, 238. protest, 239. hundredfold

240. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
241. re____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
242. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
243. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
244. re____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
245. skin mic____me *n.* the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body
246. ma____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
247. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
248. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
249. the ou____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
250. worry en____ly about our future *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
251. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 240. zone, 241. resolve, 242. chunk, 243. engineer, 244. resolve, 245. microbiome, 246. maximum, 247. protest, 248. expand, 249. outbreak, 250. endlessly, 251. carbon

252. po____y alleviation	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
253. fre_____er area	<i>adj.</i> living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
254. hom_____al marriage	<i>adj.</i> sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
255. r__l a ball	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
256. the ma_____m speed	<i>adj.</i> the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
257. heal le__y gut	<i>adj.</i> having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
258. acc_____te cash value	<i>v.</i> to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
259. r_p a notebook apart	<i>v.</i> to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
260. lose ex___s weight	<i>n.</i> an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
261. a te_____ry permit	<i>adj.</i> not lasting or be used for a very long
262. fo_____nts in the snow	<i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
263. exp_____al growth	<i>adj.</i> becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
264. en_____on the project's success	<i>v.</i> to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
265. a wise old dw__f	<i>n.</i> a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

ANSWERS: 252. poverty, 253. freshwater, 254. homosexual, 255. roll, 256. maximum, 257. leaky, 258. accumulate, 259. rip, 260. excess, 261. temporary, 262. footprint, 263. exponential, 264. envision, 265. dwarf

266. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
267. ag_____an society *adj.* relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance
268. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
269. t_b for foot soaking *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
270. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
271. le__y bucket *adj.* having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it
272. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
273. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 266. recognize, 267. agrarian, 268. mass, 269. tub, 270. mere, 271. leaky, 272. labor, 273. labor

274. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
275. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
276. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
277. p__t control *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
278. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
279. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
280. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
281. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
282. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
283. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 274. contaminate, 275. starve, 276. graph, 277. pest, 278. conserve, 279. remarkable, 280. bang, 281. temporary, 282. rocket, 283. random

284. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
285. oozing g_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
286. sp____e appearance *n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
287. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
288. agree to su____t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
289. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
290. li____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
291. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 284. movement, 285. goo, 286. spruce, 287. untouched, 288. submit, 289. fundamental, 290. liberty, 291. premise

292. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
293. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
294. y___l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
295. an ex___s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
296. re_____s in skills *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
297. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
298. tra_____ss against the rules *v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
299. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
300. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
301. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
302. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 292. vision, 293. hostility, 294. yell, 295. excess, 296. regress, 297. fantasy, 298. transgress, 299. obvious, 300. typical, 301. efficient, 302. capture

303. a tr____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
304. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
305. re____e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
306. infectious disease ou_____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
307. aq_____r soil *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
308. fossil Homo sa_____s *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
309. sc____m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
310. ur_____ze transportation systems *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
311. chicken-and-egg di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
312. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 303. transit, 304. capitalism, 305. recipe, 306. outbreak, 307. aquifer, 308. sapiens, 309. scream, 310. urbanize, 311. dilemma, 312. process

313. make a pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
314. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
315. 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
316. cor____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
317. organic agr____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
318. a fo____l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
319. the fo____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
320. algebraic ine____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
321. me____ty pollution *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

ANSWERS: 313. premise, 314. convince, 315. economy, 316. corruption, 317. agriculture, 318. fossil, 319. footprint, 320. inequality, 321. megacity

322. harvesting wh__t *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
323. genetically mo___y food *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
324. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
325. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
326. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
327. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
328. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
329. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
330. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 322. wheat, 323. modify, 324. conserve, 325. contaminate, 326. movement, 327. crop, 328. random, 329. longevity, 330. reproduce

331. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
332. extremely co_____t device *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
333. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
334. sa_____s evolution *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
335. soil con_____ion *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
336. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
337. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
338. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
339. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
340. have a diverse mic_____me *n.* the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body
341. su____t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

ANSWERS: 331. soil, 332. compact, 333. well-being, 334. sapiens, 335. conservation, 336. corporate, 337. humankind, 338. emphasis, 339. capture, 340. microbiome, 341. submit

342. me_____ty project *n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
343. live an ab_____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
344. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
345. attract br___d attention *adj.* very wide; general
346. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
347. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
348. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
349. a tr__t of virgin forest *n.* a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body
350. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
351. increase in the minimum w___e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
352. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 342. megacity, 343. abundant, 344. efficient, 345. broad, 346. accumulate, 347. remarkable, 348. countryside, 349. tract, 350. humankind, 351. wage, 352. installation

353. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
354. t_b for washing *n.* a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
355. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
356. economic pro_____ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
357. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
358. a p__t of bean plants *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
359. shut down a des_____ion plant *n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
360. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
361. cold ce___l *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
362. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 353. nuclear, 354. tub, 355. longevity, 356. prosperity, 357. regard, 358. pest, 359. desalination, 360. ordinary, 361. cereal, 362. industrial

363. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
364. ag____an reform *adj.* relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance
365. neutral hydrogen a__ms *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
366. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
367. un_____ed creativity *adj.* lacking restraint or control; unrestrained; unchecked, used to describe behaviors, emotions, or actions that are wild, excessive, or uncontrolled
368. te___o festival *n.* a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field
369. sp___e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
370. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 363. doom, 364. agrarian, 365. atom, 366. consumption, 367. unbridled, 368. techno, 369. sphere, 370. vast

371. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
372. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
373. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
374. an ab____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
375. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
376. red c__e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
377. space sh____e *n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
378. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
379. sh__t the output wavelength *v.* to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid

ANSWERS: 371. fuel, 372. roughly, 373. scream, 374. abundant, 375. prop, 376. cape, 377. shuttle, 378. yell, 379. shunt

380. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
381. co____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
382. ro____ly check *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
383. un____ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
384. burning of fo____l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
385. de____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
386. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
387. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
388. 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
389. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 380. quarter, 381. convince, 382. routinely, 383. untouched, 384. fossil, 385. democracy, 386. bound, 387. critic, 388. economy, 389. surround

390. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
391. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
392. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
393. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
394. repeat en_____ly *adv.* in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit
395. ri_____y structure *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
396. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
397. ce___l grain *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
398. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
399. a wi___d at chess *n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field

ANSWERS: 390. inequality, 391. ecology, 392. fantasy, 393. wheat, 394. endlessly, 395. rickety, 396. biology, 397. cereal, 398. interconnect, 399. wizard

400. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
401. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
402. a criminal bac____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
403. opp____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
404. ce____t cleaning *n.* a pit or tank used for the disposal of human waste or sewage

ANSWERS: 400. doom, 401. survival, 402. background, 403. opposition, 404. cesspit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
2. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
3. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
4. I like to take a long soak in the ____ after a long day.
n. a large, deep, round container, typically made of metal or plastic, used for washing or soaking things, especially clothes or a person's body
5. The comedy group performed a hilarious _____ about life in quarantine.
n. a short, often humorous performative piece or act, typically performed in a comic or satirical tone or style, as part of a variety show or a theatrical or musical performance
6. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
7. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
8. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.
n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

ANSWERS: 1. regarded, 2. protest, 3. demonstrate, 4. tub, 5. skit, 6. screaming, 7. Communal, 8. dwarf

9. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
10. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
11. The expected profits from their new venture did not _____ as predicted.
- v.* to become actual or real; to take physical form or shape; to appear or come into existence in a tangible way
12. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
- v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
13. He was a _____ at solving complex mathematical equations.
- n.* a person who is skilled in magic or a particular technical field
14. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
- n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
15. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
16. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 9. graph, 10. devoted, 11. materialize, 12. glittered, 13. wizard, 14. outbreak, 15. vision, 16. Agriculture

17. In _____ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.
- n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
18. The _____ unique shape helps it to escape from predators quickly.
- n.* marine invertebrate that belongs to the phylum Echinodermata, characterized by a five-armed body shape that resembles a star, typically found on or near the seafloor
19. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
20. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
21. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
22. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.
- v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
23. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
24. The flower was starting to show its _____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.
- n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

ANSWERS: 17. photosynthesis, 18. starfish's, 19. fossil, 20. expand, 21. fuel, 22. disposed, 23. prayed, 24. bud

25. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
26. The mining and processing of _____ can lead to releasing radioactive materials into the environment.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants
27. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
28. The company was fined for _____ environmental regulations.
- v.* to break the law or moral code; to go beyond or exceed the limits or boundaries of something
29. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.
- n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
30. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
31. The abandoned house was _____ for years, with vines growing all over it.
- adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
32. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

ANSWERS: 25. rolled, 26. uranium, 27. corruption, 28. transgressing, 29. excess, 30. accumulated, 31. untouched, 32. rocket

33. Most of the people in the _____ community work in agriculture.

adj. relating to the cultivation of land or the raising of crops and animals; characterized by a society that relies on agriculture as its primary means of sustenance

34. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

35. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

36. The farmer owns a large _____ of land where he grows corn and soybeans.

n. a region of land, often with a specific purpose or use, such as farming, forestry, or mining; a bundle of nerves or a system of organs in the body

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

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

38. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

39. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

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

40. The gardener used natural methods to keep _____ away from her plants.

n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

ANSWERS: 33. agrarian, 34. interconnect, 35. mussels, 36. tract, 37. destroyed, 38. ecosystem, 39. convince, 40. pests

41. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.

- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

42. The rainforest is one of the most diverse _____ on the planet.

- n.* a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest

43. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

44. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

- n.* the condition of being extremely poor

45. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

46. 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

47. It's important to practice _____ when it comes to spending money.

- n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

ANSWERS: 41. deployed, 42. biomes, 43. guarantee, 44. poverty, 45. engineer, 46. nation, 47. restraint

48. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

49. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

50. The procession of demonstrators was _____ continuing.

adv. in a way that continues for a long time or seems to have no end or limit

51. His grandfather was an _____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

52. We use adverbs to _____ verbs and adjectives.

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

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

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

54. This war shattered dreams of peace and _____.

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

55. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

56. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

ANSWERS: 48. volume, 49. freshwater, 50. endlessly, 51. odd, 52. modify, 53. opposition, 54. prosperity, 55. ordinary, 56. genetically

57. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

58. We cannot _____ her as President.

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

59. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

60. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

61. It would be best if you burned off _____ through vigorous exercise.

n. unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

62. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

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

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

64. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 57. drown, 58. envision, 59. journalists, 60. premise, 61. calories, 62. vast, 63. Climate, 64. remarkable

65. They _____ conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

66. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

67. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

68. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

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

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

70. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

71. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

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

ANSWERS: 65. routinely, 66. consumption, 67. argument, 68. liberty, 69. develop, 70. facility, 71. nuclear

72. We have finally lost our last _____.

- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

73. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

74. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.

- n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

75. He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-_____ method.

- n.* the process of removing salt, especially from seawater

76. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.

- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

77. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

- adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

78. He is proud of the _____ of the business.

- n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

79. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

ANSWERS: 72. prop, 73. starve, 74. hostility, 75. desalination, 76. inequality, 77. maximum, 78. longevity, 79. fundamental

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

81. The promise of easy money turned out to be _____.

adj. not real or true; based on or having the nature of an illusion

82. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

83. Homo _____ is the scientific name for modern humans.

n. the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens

84. The _____ distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.

n. a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

85. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

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

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

87. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

88. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

ANSWERS: 80. obvious, 81. illusory, 82. dense, 83. sapiens, 84. zebra's, 85. extend, 86. doom, 87. yelled, 88. countryside

89. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
90. The _____ horse was unable to race.
adj. having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
91. The _____ bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.
n. a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
92. I always start my morning with a bowl of _____.
n. a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
93. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
94. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
95. The government threatened to _____ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.
v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
96. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

ANSWERS: 89. nutrients, 90. lame, 91. shuttle, 92. cereal, 93. constrained, 94. amazing, 95. nuke, 96. aspiration

97. The data center's _____ is impressive, allowing for quick processing of large amounts of data.
- n.* the amount of material or information that can be processed by a system or organization over a given period of time
98. The results of that election put a _____ on political reform.
- n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
99. The woods _____ the house.
- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
100. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
101. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
102. The _____ of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.
- n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
103. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 97. throughput, 98. brake, 99. embrace, 100. consume, 101. sphere, 102. erosion, 103. economy

104. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling _____.
- n.* a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
105. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
106. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
107. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.
- n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
108. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
109. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
110. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
111. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
- n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
112. He lost the election by _____ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 104. megacity, 105. exploit, 106. contaminate, 107. emphasis, 108. reproduce, 109. recipe, 110. disappear, 111. transit, 112. mere

113. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
114. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
- n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
115. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
116. The government plans to _____ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.
- v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
117. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience _____ growth.
- adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
118. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.
- n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
119. The water in the lake was contaminated with high levels of _____ making it unsafe for swimming or drinking.
- n.* a diverse group of single-celled microorganisms that are classified as eukaryotic, meaning they have a distinct nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles found in a wide range of environments, from soil to water to the bodies of humans and animals

ANSWERS: 113. environment, 114. Soil, 115. roughly, 116. urbanize, 117. exponential, 118. installation, 119. protozoa,

120. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
121. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
122. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
123. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
124. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
125. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
126. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
127. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

ANSWERS: 120. argue, 121. conserve, 122. toxic, 123. quarter, 124. recognize, 125. cynical, 126. Democracy, 127. random

128. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
129. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.
- n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
130. The outermost electron shell of an _____ determines its chemical characteristics.
- n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
131. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.
- n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
132. The railway workers had to _____ the train to a different track to clear the tracks.
- v.* to redirect or transfer something, often a flow of liquid or gas, to an alternative path or conduit; to move someone or something aside or out of the way; (noun) a device used to divert or redirect the flow of something, usually electrical current or fluid
133. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
134. The public _____ was overflowing and causing a major health hazard.
- n.* a pit or tank used for the disposal of human waste or sewage
135. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.
- n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

ANSWERS: 128. ecology, 129. humankind, 130. atom, 131. chunk, 132. shunt, 133. recycle, 134. cesspit, 135. conservation

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

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

137. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

138. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

139. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

140. The farmer grew _____ on his land.

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

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

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

142. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.

n. serious and great danger or risk

143. Two countries acted together as if by _____.

adj. closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

ANSWERS: 136. temporary, 137. renewable, 138. prophet, 139. governing, 140. wheat, 141. unbridled, 142. peril, 143. compact

144. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
145. My father tried to ____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
- v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
146. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
147. The club's playlist featured a lot of _____ music.
- n.* a style of electronic dance music that originated in Detroit in the 1980s and is characterized by a repetitive, synthesized beat and minimalist sound effects; the use of advanced technology or techniques in a particular field
148. During transit, the stuff may ____ off the luggage tag.
- v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
149. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.
- v.* to use something again or more than once
150. Glass _____ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.
- n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
151. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 144. Capitalism, 145. bang, 146. massive, 147. techno, 148. rip, 149. reuse, 150. petri, 151. critics

152. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

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

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

154. The team's failure to win games has caused them to _____ in confidence.

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

155. This measure will _____ people against terrorism.

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

156. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

157. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

158. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

159. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 152. well-being, 153. capture, 154. regress, 155. safeguard, 156. millennium, 157. giant, 158. efficient, 159. parasites

160. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
161. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
162. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
163. These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant _____.
n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
164. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
165. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
166. The old wooden bridge was _____ and swayed with every step.
adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
167. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
168. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general

ANSWERS: 160. mass, 161. corporate, 162. fantasy, 163. rainfall, 164. ruined, 165. wages, 166. rickety, 167. zone, 168. broad

169. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
170. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
- n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
171. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
172. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
173. The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling ____.
- n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
174. Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground _____.
- n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
175. The development team reported two _____ increases in performance.
- adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
176. The new employee proved extremely _____ completing projects ahead of schedule.
- adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

ANSWERS: 169. process, 170. piles, 171. survive, 172. Industrial, 173. goo, 174. aquifers, 175. hundredfold, 176. productive,

177. Sow early for an early _____.

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

178. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

179. The boat had a _____ hull and needed to be patched.

adj. having a hole or crack that allows liquids or gases to pass through it

180. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

181. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something

182. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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

183. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

184. The _____ tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.

n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

ANSWERS: 177. crop, 178. survival, 179. leaky, 180. dilemma, 181. willingness, 182. movement, 183. bounds, 184. spruce

185. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
186. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.
- adj.* present in great quantity
187. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
188. Please _____ the assignment to me.
- v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
189. This artwork is _____ of her work.
- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
190. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
191. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
- n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
192. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
- v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

ANSWERS: 185. background, 186. abundant, 187. carbon, 188. submit, 189. typical, 190. define, 191. cape, 192. resolves

193. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

194. We looked at this issue from a different _____.

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

195. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

196. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

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

197. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

198. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

199. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

200. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

ANSWERS: 193. surround, 194. viewpoint, 195. homosexual, 196. labor, 197. marched, 198. footprint, 199. alarm, 200. exploded

201. The gut _____ is a major producer of serotonin, which is necessary for human mental stability.

- n.* the community of microorganisms (= living things too small to be seen) that can usually be found living together in any given environment or the human body

202. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 201. microbiome, 202. biology