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Session 1: Word List

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

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

aspect

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

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

stream

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

synonym: flow, current, brook

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

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

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

subscribe

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

synonym: sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

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.

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

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

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

I **bet** that you know it.

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

motto n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

reed n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

synonym : cane, grass

(1) **reed** instrument, (2) a young bud of **reed**

The **reed** in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

cable n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

studio

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

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

competition

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

synonym: contest, match, fight

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

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

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough**

discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

synonym: honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**

He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

percentage

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

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

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

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

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym : frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

introductory

adj. intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point

synonym : beginning, preliminary, initial

(1) **introductory** biology text, (2) product **introductory** sale

The **introductory** class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

binge

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

synonym : spree, overindulgence, splurge

(1) **binge** on social media, (2) alcohol **binge**

She stayed up all night **binge-watching** her favorite TV show.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym : event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym : thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

boom

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

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

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

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

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.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

episodic

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration

synonym: intermittent, recurrent, sporadic

(1) **episodic** story, (2) **episodic** event

The patient's memory loss is **episodic**, with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.

serial

adj. consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

synonym: consecutive, sequential, successive

(1) **serial** killer, (2) **serial** number

The company is launching a new line of **serial** products aimed at young adults.

linear

adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

synonym: straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

mathematics

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

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

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

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

subscription

n. the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly

synonym: membership, registration, enrollment

(1) **subscription** fee, (2) raise a **subscription**

He paid for a **subscription** to the newspaper to have it delivered to his house every morning.

brand

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

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

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

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

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

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.

crow

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym: tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crow**, (2) the **crow** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crow** on the king.

commissioner

n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

synonym: administrator, agent, official

(1) elect police **commissioners**, (2) **commissioner** of patent office

He became an audit **commissioner** because of his years of experience as an accountant.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

blockbuster

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

synonym: hit, success, smash

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

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

bold

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

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

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

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

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

well-thought-through

adj. thoroughly considered or planned out; methodically analyzed or evaluated

synonym: cogent, sound, reasoned

(1) **well-thought-through** decision, (2) a

well-thought-through solution

The company's **well-thought-through** marketing campaign boosted sales.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak

points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

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.

disk

n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

synonym: record, platter, plate

(1) **disk** drive, (2) **disk** space

The computer's hard **disk** was full, so she had to delete some files.

paranoia

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

synonym: suspicion, mistrust, delusions

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

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

ethos

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

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

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

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

service

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

pride

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

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

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

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

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.

survey

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

synonym: study, examination, poll

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

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

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**
She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

admonition

n. a warning, caution, or piece of advice aimed at correcting or preventing a mistake or misdeed

synonym : reprimand, warning, caution

(1) **admonition** letter, (2) gentle **admonition**
The teacher gave an **admonition** to the students about the importance of submitting their assignments on time.

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.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear
He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

semiconductor

n. a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices

synonym : chip, wafer

(1) **semiconductor** industry, (2) **semiconductor** device

The company develops and sells **semiconductor** memory for use in computers and servers.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

orientation

n. a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

synonym : direction, introduction, frontage

(1) sexual **orientation**, (2) the school **orientation**

There will be an **orientation** lecture for new students this afternoon.

dummy

n. a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly

synonym : mannequin, puppet, figurine

(1) **dummy** address, (2) the crash test **dummy**

The ventriloquist's **dummy** was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

chaos

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

synonym : disorder, turmoil, confusion

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

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

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.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

talented

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

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

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

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

alignment

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

synonym : conjunction, arrangement, coalition

(1) **alignment** in an organization, (2) be in **alignment**

In the last century, Britain formed a strong **alignment** with Egypt.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

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

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

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

compartment

n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

synonym : section, part, subdivision

(1) **compartment** door, (2) a watertight **compartment**

The train's **compartment** was small but comfortable.

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.

vacation

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

synonym : leave, recess, break

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

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

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

courage

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

being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

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

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

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.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

loyal

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

synonym : dedicated, devoted, faithful

(1) a **loyal** friend, (2) become a **loyal** customer

Enemy armies are **loyal** to their monarch.

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.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

intense

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

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

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.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

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.

trove

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

synonym: hoard, collection, assemblage

(1) **trove** of information, (2) stumble on a **trove**

The treasure **trove** of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

stance

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

synonym: attitude, standpoint, viewpoint

(1) change her **stance**, (2) the batting **stance**

He continued to support her political **stance**.

algorithm

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

synonym: logic, method, rule

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

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

recommendation

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of

recommendation

We made a **recommendation** to the client.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the

phenomenon.

- feat** *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit
(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- metacognitive** *adj.* relating to or involving knowledge or awareness of one's own cognitive processes, strategies, and abilities
synonym: introspective, self-aware, self-reflective
(1) **metacognitive** strategies, (2) **metacognitive** reflection
Developing **metacognitive** skills can enhance learning and problem-solving abilities.
- 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.
- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- preference** *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
synonym: taste, choice, affection
(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art
Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable

ones.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

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.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym: pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

hilarious

adj. extremely funny

synonym: funny, comical, amusing

(1) **hilarious** mistake, (2) a **hilarious** anecdote
The comedian's stand-up routine was **hilarious**.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym: thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

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

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

distribute

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

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

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

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

broccoli

n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

(1) frozen **broccoli**, (2) **broccoli** sprout

He didn't like **broccoli** floret and avoided eating it.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

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

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

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

rely

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

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**
Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website
The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

platform

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

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance
I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym : nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

uplift

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

synonym : upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

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

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

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym : undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

memorable

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

synonym : extraordinary, noteworthy, unforgettable

(1) create **memorable** experiences, (2) least **memorable**

song

His passionate speech makes a **memorable** impression.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

on-demand

adj. available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay

synonym: on-request, as-needed, ad-hoc

(1) **on-demand** transportation, (2) **on-demand** delivery

Many consumers prefer **on-demand** streaming services over traditional cable TV.

addict

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

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

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

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

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

demon

n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym: repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym : desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

rot

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

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

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

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

adjustment

n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result

synonym : alteration, adaptation, modification

(1) **adjustment** by hand, (2) a fine **adjustment**

He assumed the role of the arbitral **adjustment** of the controversy.

con

n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

synonym : oppose, objection, deception

(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**

The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

priority

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

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly
Her **priority** is to be a mother.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
synonym : wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

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**.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

billionaire

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

synonym : mega-rich, wealthy, tycoon

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

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

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

gravitation

n. the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

synonym : attraction, pull, gravity

(1) terrestrial **gravitation**, (2) universal **gravitation**

The force of **gravitation** keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym : teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

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**.

centric

adj. tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system

synonym : focused, centralized, concentrated

(1) technology- **centric** approach, (2) employee- **centric** policies

The hotel's customer- **centric** approach always puts the needs and satisfaction of guests first.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym : thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow
We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

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.

charter

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a
contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym : constitution, agreement, pact

(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations
The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and
goals.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

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**.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism
spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements
or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used
as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as

rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

grade

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

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

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.

throwback

n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

synonym : relic, reversion, remainder

(1) **throwback** memories, (2) musical **throwback**

The **throwback** jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and

straightforward.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

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.

governance

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

synonym: administration, management, direction

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

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

reform

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

synonym: change, modify, improve

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

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

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

criticism

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

synonym: critique, commentary, review

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

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

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym: knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

unintentional

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

synonym: accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

pledge

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym: promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

- fortune** *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
synonym: wealth, affluence, assets
(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**
Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.
- lifetime** *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
synonym: lifespan, duration
(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.
- cheek** *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
synonym: jaw, mandible, malar
(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**
He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.
- thrive** *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper
(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.
- compete** *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
synonym: contend, contest, vie
(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a short va____on
n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
2. st____ht for two months
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
3. ep____ic event
adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
4. met____ive reflection
adj. relating to or involving knowledge or awareness of one's own cognitive processes, strategies, and abilities
5. in a re____ss manner
adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
6. on____nd delivery
adj. available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay
7. th____e in a society
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
8. coaxial ca__e
n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
9. r__d instrument
n. a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

ANSWERS: 1. vacation, 2. straight, 3. episodic, 4. metacognitive, 5. reckless, 6. on-demand, 7. thrive, 8. cable, 9. reed

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| 10. a fine adj_____nt | <i>n.</i> a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result |
| 11. equ_____nt amounts | <i>n.</i> having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc. |
| 12. the m__d in a room | <i>n.</i> the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind |
| 13. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 14. p__r review | <i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability |
| 15. the school ori_____on | <i>n.</i> a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment |
| 16. co_____e fiercely | <i>v.</i> to strive to achieve more success than someone or something |
| 17. a high per_____ge | <i>n.</i> the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred |
| 18. in an ugly m__d | <i>n.</i> the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind |
| 19. he is ob___sed with the fear | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 20. hollowed-out ch__k | <i>n.</i> either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw |
| 21. military st_____gy | <i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal. |

ANSWERS: 10. adjustment, 11. equivalent, 12. mood, 13. absolutely, 14. peer, 15. orientation, 16. compete, 17. percentage, 18. mood, 19. obsess, 20. cheek, 21. strategy

22. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
23. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
24. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
25. technology-ce_____c approach *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
26. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
27. terrestrial gra_____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
28. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
29. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
30. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
31. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 22. nonprofit, 23. boom, 24. aspect, 25. centric, 26. horrific, 27. gravitation, 28. reckless, 29. recommendation, 30. horrible, 31. shift

32. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
33. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
34. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
35. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
36. elect police com_____ners *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
37. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
38. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
39. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
40. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
41. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

ANSWERS: 32. lifetime, 33. boom, 34. fundamental, 35. aspect, 36. commissioner, 37. committed, 38. mechanism, 39. realm, 40. employee, 41. judgment

42. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
43. alcohol ad_____on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
44. a lo__l friend *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
45. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
46. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
47. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
48. end of the first ep_____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
49. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
50. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
51. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 42. brilliant, 43. addiction, 44. loyal, 45. innovative, 46. bet, 47. violent, 48. episode, 49. rev, 50. disagree, 51. debate

52. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
53. bi__e on social media *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
54. 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
55. edu____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
56. elevate edu____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
57. bre____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
58. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
59. business ed____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
60. the exc____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
61. d__k space *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

ANSWERS: 52. bold, 53. binge, 54. develop, 55. educational, 56. educational, 57. breakthrough, 58. trigger, 59. educator, 60. excitement, 61. disk

62. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
63. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
64. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
65. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
66. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
67. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
68. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
69. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 62. intense, 63. diet, 64. criticism, 65. crown, 66. survey, 67. introductory, 68. associate, 69. stimming

70. ind_____al alcohol
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
71. ep_____ic story
adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
72. a h__y shrine
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
73. pl___e my fidelity
v. to make a formal promise to give or do something
74. gentle adm_____on
n. a warning, caution, or piece of advice aimed at correcting or preventing a mistake or misdeed
75. a tr___y recipe to follow
adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
76. feel co_____nt
adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
77. r__y on convenience stores
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
78. bo__ded with delight
v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
79. the imperial cr__n
n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
80. on_____nd transportation
adj. available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay

ANSWERS: 70. industrial, 71. episodic, 72. holy, 73. pledge, 74. admonition, 75. tricky, 76. confident, 77. rely, 78. bound, 79. crown, 80. on-demand

81. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
82. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
83. pay up_____t *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
84. pe_____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
85. the Ch_____r of the United Nations *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
86. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
87. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
88. th_____e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
89. pr___e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
90. y___l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
91. am___e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
92. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

ANSWERS: 81. opposition, 82. incredibly, 83. upfront, 84. persuade, 85. charter, 86. trigger, 87. specific, 88. thrive, 89. pride, 90. yell, 91. amaze, 92. devastating

93. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
94. ta____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
95. absolutely fa____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
96. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
97. d__k drive *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music
98. cu____e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
99. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
100. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
101. the in____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
102. an arrival pl____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 93. holy, 94. talented, 95. fantastic, 96. horrible, 97. disk, 98. curate, 99. bound, 100. government, 101. internal, 102. platform

103. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
104. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
105. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
106. adm_____on letter *n.* a warning, caution, or piece of advice aimed at correcting or preventing a mistake or misdeed
107. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
108. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
109. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
110. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
111. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
112. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
113. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
114. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 103. competitor, 104. revolution, 105. scare, 106. admonition, 107. gradual, 108. mad, 109. ethos, 110. rot, 111. quarter, 112. symbol, 113. recipe, 114. lifetime

115. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
116. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
117. blo_____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
118. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
119. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
120. in_____ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
121. recent su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
122. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
123. se___l killer *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
124. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 115. algorithm, 116. chaos, 117. blockbuster, 118. feat, 119. government, 120. intensive, 121. survey, 122. priority, 123. serial, 124. angel

125. com_____nt door *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
126. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
127. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
128. com_____ner of patent office *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
129. a photo st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
130. nou_____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
131. hu____e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
132. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
133. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
134. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 125. compartment, 126. awesome, 127. stimming, 128. commissioner, 129. studio, 130. nourishing, 131. humble, 132. associate, 133. adapt, 134. exciting

135. the batting st___e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
136. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
137. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
138. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
139. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
140. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
141. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
142. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
143. an up_____t tone *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
144. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

ANSWERS: 135. stance, 136. governance, 137. humble, 138. mathematics, 139. giant, 140. profitable, 141. wasteland, 142. addict, 143. upfront, 144. nail

145. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
146. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
147. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
148. have an un___r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
149. become a lo__l customer *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
150. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
151. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
152. 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

ANSWERS: 145. temporary, 146. stick, 147. equivalent, 148. unfair, 149. loyal, 150. persuade, 151. structure, 152. process

153. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
154. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
155. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
156. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
157. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
158. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
159. 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
160. sub_____ion fee *n.* the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly
161. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
162. perpetual cu____e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

ANSWERS: 153. curiosity, 154. vast, 155. regularly, 156. consume, 157. curiosity, 158. brilliantly, 159. develop, 160. subscription, 161. fascinate, 162. curate

163. avoid uni_____nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
164. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
165. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
166. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
167. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
168. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
169. th_____ck memories *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
170. du__y address *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
171. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 163. unintentional, 164. peer, 165. presume, 166. deck, 167. commission, 168. realm, 169. throwback, 170. dummy, 171. fortune

172. develop in_____e itching	<i>adj.</i> (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
173. em_____ee evaluation	<i>n.</i> a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
174. a ra_____l cure	<i>adj.</i> relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
175. fire st__k	<i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
176. a no_____it organization	<i>adj.</i> not established for commercial profit
177. wel_____ugh decision	<i>adj.</i> thoroughly considered or planned out; methodically analyzed or evaluated
178. ob___s over her weight	<i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
179. intraspecific com_____on	<i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
180. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly	<i>adv.</i> in a very impressive manner
181. she hit him int_____lly	<i>adv.</i> in a planned or intended way
182. me___r for life	<i>n.</i> a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
183. et__s of science	<i>n.</i> the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

ANSWERS: 172. intense, 173. employee, 174. radical, 175. stick, 176. nonprofit, 177. well-thought-through, 178. obsess, 179. competition, 180. dramatically, 181. intentionally, 182. mentor, 183. ethos

184. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
185. uni_____nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
186. al_____nt in an organization *n.* an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other
187. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
188. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
189. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
190. alcohol bi__e *n.* a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence
191. frozen br_____li *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
192. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
193. li____r trend *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

ANSWERS: 184. stun, 185. unintentional, 186. alignment, 187. angel, 188. struggle, 189. temporary, 190. binge, 191. broccoli, 192. intentionally, 193. linear

194. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
195. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
196. pr_____e on his tolerance *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
197. the pros and c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
198. su_____be to the service *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
199. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
200. hi_____us mistake *adj.* extremely funny
201. violent por_____hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
202. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

ANSWERS: 194. shift, 195. incredibly, 196. presume, 197. con, 198. subscribe, 199. mathematics, 200. hilarious, 201. pornography, 202. nourishing

203. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
204. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
205. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
206. Silicon Valley bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
207. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
208. sexual ori_____on *n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment
209. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
210. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
211. 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: 203. vacation, 204. distribute, 205. chaos, 206. billionaire, 207. relax, 208. orientation, 209. remarkable, 210. dramatically, 211. process

212. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
213. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
214. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
215. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
216. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
217. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
218. adj_____nt by hand *n.* a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
219. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
220. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
221. duty as an ed_____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people

ANSWERS: 212. motto, 213. fundamental, 214. aspiration, 215. grade, 216. structure, 217. studio, 218. adjustment, 219. bold, 220. pornography, 221. educator

222. sem_____tor industry *n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
223. the crash test du__y *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
224. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
225. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
226. pl___e military assistance *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
227. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
228. un___r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
229. suffering from pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
230. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 222. semiconductor, 223. dummy, 224. symbol, 225. stream, 226. pledge, 227. straight, 228. unfair, 229. paranoia, 230. core

231. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
232. a young bud of r__d *n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone
233. oil bil_____re *n.* a person who has a net worth of at least one billion dollars
234. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
235. tr__e of information *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
236. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
237. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
238. a ch_____r flight *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
239. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
240. br_____li sprout *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
241. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 231. pride, 232. reed, 233. billionaire, 234. fascinate, 235. trove, 236. relation, 237. regularly, 238. charter, 239. competition, 240. broccoli, 241. extraordinary

242. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
243. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
244. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
245. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
246. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
247. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
248. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
249. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
250. in_____ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
251. a letter of rec_____ion *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
252. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
253. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 242. eventually, 243. devastating, 244. percentage, 245. invest, 246. cable, 247. typical, 248. core, 249. talented, 250. intensive, 251. recommendation, 252. giant, 253. communal

254. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
255. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
256. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
257. met_____ive strategies *adj.* relating to or involving knowledge or awareness of one's own cognitive processes, strategies, and abilities
258. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
259. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
260. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
261. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
262. least me_____le song *adj.* worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable
263. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
264. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

ANSWERS: 254. strategy, 255. mechanism, 256. wasteland, 257. metacognitive, 258. aspiration, 259. excite, 260. strike, 261. fantastic, 262. memorable, 263. philanthropy, 264. deck

265. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
266. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
267. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
268. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
269. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
270. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
271. change her st_____e *n.* a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal
272. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
273. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
274. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen

ANSWERS: 265. disproportionate, 266. gradual, 267. distribute, 268. horrific, 269. environment, 270. acquire, 271. stance, 272. license, 273. relation, 274. unlikely

275. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
276. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
277. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
278. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
279. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
280. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
281. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
282. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
283. su_____be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

ANSWERS: 275. preference, 276. adapt, 277. algorithm, 278. excite, 279. governance, 280. platform, 281. reform, 282. recipe, 283. subscribe

284. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
285. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
286. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
287. raise a sub_____ion *n.* the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly
288. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
289. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
290. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
291. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
292. tr___y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
293. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 284. philanthropy, 285. demon, 286. confident, 287. subscription, 288. brand, 289. yell, 290. nail, 291. amaze, 292. tricky, 293. advantage

294. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
295. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
296. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
297. an endless st____m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
298. fashion me____r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
299. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
300. stumble on a tr___e *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
301. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
302. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
303. up____t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

ANSWERS: 294. preference, 295. remarkable, 296. specific, 297. stream, 298. mentor, 299. committed, 300. trove, 301. extraordinary, 302. episode, 303. uplift

313. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
314. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
315. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
316. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
317. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
318. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
319. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
320. a watertight com_____nt *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

ANSWERS: 313. feat, 314. bet, 315. license, 316. framework, 317. industrial, 318. strike, 319. reform, 320. compartment

321. de__n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
322. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
323. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
324. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
325. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
326. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
327. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
328. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
329. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
330. employee-ce_____c policies *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system

ANSWERS: 321. demon, 322. typical, 323. critic, 324. excitement, 325. struggle, 326. courage, 327. diet, 328. consume, 329. compete, 330. centric

341. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
342. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
343. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
344. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
345. dis_____ate amount *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
346. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
347. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
348. lay great em_____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
349. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
350. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
351. universal gra_____on *n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass

ANSWERS: 341. radical, 342. proof, 343. invest, 344. addict, 345. disproportionate, 346. courage, 347. brilliant, 348. emphasis, 349. introductory, 350. grade, 351. gravitation

352. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
353. musical th_____ck *n.* a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept
354. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
355. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
356. encourage pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
357. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
358. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
359. sem_____tor device *n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
360. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 352. scare, 353. throwback, 354. rev, 355. communal, 356. paranoia, 357. decision, 358. nowhere, 359. semiconductor, 360. environment

361. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
362. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
363. corn yi___d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
364. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
365. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
366. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
367. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
368. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
369. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 361. silent, 362. debate, 363. yield, 364. profitable, 365. advantage, 366. revenue, 367. criticism, 368. fortune, 369. critic

370. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
371. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
372. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
373. bri____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
374. deliver a ju____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
375. opp____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
376. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
377. up____t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
378. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
379. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
380. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
381. em____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something

ANSWERS: 370. vast, 371. quarter, 372. stun, 373. brilliantly, 374. judgment, 375. opposition, 376. innovative, 377. uplift, 378. nowhere, 379. rely, 380. violent, 381. emphasis

382. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
383. se___l number *adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents
384. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
385. company mo___o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
386. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
387. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
388. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
389. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
390. a hi_____us anecdote *adj.* extremely funny
391. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
392. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
393. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
394. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 382. responsible, 383. serial, 384. rot, 385. motto, 386. internal, 387. responsible, 388. mad, 389. absolutely, 390. hilarious, 391. silent, 392. cheek, 393. blockbuster, 394. exciting

395. it is un____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
396. pr____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
397. a li____r equation *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
398. legal fr____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 395. unlikely, 396. priority, 397. linear, 398. framework

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.
adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
2. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
3. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
4. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
5. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.
v. to make a formal promise to give or do something
6. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.
adv. in a very impressive manner
7. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
8. The company's stock gives a high _____.
n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

ANSWERS: 1. disproportionate, 2. diet, 3. compete, 4. fantastic, 5. pledge, 6. dramatically, 7. fascinated, 8. yield

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

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

10. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

11. The train's _____ was small but comfortable.

n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

12. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

13. He played the piano _____ at the concert.

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

14. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

15. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

16. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 9. giant, 10. straight, 11. compartment, 12. presume, 13. brilliantly, 14. extraordinary, 15. excited, 16. angel

17. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
18. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
19. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
20. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
21. The ventriloquist's _____ was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.
n. a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
22. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
23. Her _____ is to be a mother.
n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
24. He became an audit _____ because of his years of experience as an accountant.
n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

ANSWERS: 17. radical, 18. thrive, 19. opposition, 20. competitors, 21. dummy, 22. remarkable, 23. priority, 24. commissioner

25. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
26. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.
adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
27. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
28. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
29. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
30. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
31. He assumed the role of the arbitral _____ of the controversy.
n. a small change or movement made to something to improve it and achieve the desired result
32. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.
n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 25. government, 26. intensive, 27. symbol, 28. obsessed, 29. revolution, 30. reform, 31. adjustment, 32. episode

33. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
34. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
35. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.
n. particular importance or significance that is given to something
36. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
37. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
38. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
39. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.
adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
40. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
41. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 33. aspects, 34. profitable, 35. emphasis, 36. exciting, 37. competition, 38. cores, 39. talented, 40. excitement, 41. rely

42. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
43. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
44. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
- v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
45. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
- adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
46. 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
47. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
48. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
- v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
49. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 42. lifetime, 43. stick, 44. scare, 45. awesome, 46. recipe, 47. studio, 48. persuade, 49. rot

50. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

51. Canada _____ on the United States.

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

52. His passionate speech makes a _____ impression.

adj. worth remembering or likely to be remembered, especially because of being very important or remarkable

53. The mistake was _____ and made in good faith.

adj. not done or made on purpose; accidental

54. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

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

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

56. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

57. He has a flair for _____.

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

ANSWERS: 50. confident, 51. bounds, 52. memorable, 53. unintentional, 54. equivalent, 55. streams, 56. disagree, 57. mathematics

58. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

59. His estate was _____ to his sons.

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

60. The hotel's customer-_____ approach always puts the needs and satisfaction of guests first.

adj. tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system

61. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

62. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

63. My mother always made sure she had a _____ breakfast before school.

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

64. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

65. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

adv. in a planned or intended way

ANSWERS: 58. tricky, 59. distributed, 60. centric, 61. advantages, 62. struggle, 63. nourishing, 64. horrific, 65. intentionally

66. 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
67. The computer's hard _____ was full, so she had to delete some files.
- n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music
68. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.
- n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
69. Enemy armies are _____ to their monarch.
- adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
70. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
- n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
71. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 66. process, 67. disk, 68. curate, 69. loyal, 70. wasteland, 71. fundamental

72. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
73. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
74. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
75. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.
- n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
76. The force of _____ keeps the planets in our solar system in orbit around the sun.
- n.* the force by which a celestial body, such as the Earth, pulls objects toward its center; the attraction between two or more objects due to their mass
77. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
- n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
78. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
79. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.
- n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

ANSWERS: 72. percentage, 73. motto, 74. vacation?, 75. preference, 76. gravitation, 77. aspiration, 78. adapt, 79. pornography

80. The company develops and sells _____ memory for use in computers and servers.
- n.* a material or substance that can conduct electricity under certain conditions but not others, often used in electronic devices
81. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
- n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
82. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
83. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.
- n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
84. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.
- n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
85. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
- v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
86. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
87. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.
- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

ANSWERS: 80. semiconductor, 81. mood, 82. absolutely, 83. blockbuster, 84. mentor, 85. acquire, 86. rev, 87. nail

88. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

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

89. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

90. The company's _____ marketing campaign boosted sales.

adj. thoroughly considered or planned out; methodically analyzed or evaluated

91. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

92. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.

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

93. He was ___ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

94. The incident _____ a political controversy.

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

95. She is an _____ with progressive ideas.

n. a person who teaches or educates people

96. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

ANSWERS: 88. bold, 89. silent, 90. well-thought-through, 91. realm, 92. criticism, 93. mad, 94. triggered, 95. educator, 96. typical

97. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
98. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
99. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
100. He didn't like _____ floret and avoided eating it.
n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
101. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
102. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
103. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
104. People tend to make _____ predictions.
adj. of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

ANSWERS: 97. relations, 98. fortune, 99. intense, 100. broccoli, 101. paranoia, 102. Proof, 103. holy, 104. linear

105. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

106. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

107. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

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

108. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

109. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

110. In the last century, Britain formed a strong _____ with Egypt.

n. an arrangement in which two or more elements are placed in a straight line or parallel to each other

111. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

112. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 105. vast, 106. stimming, 107. survey, 108. deck, 109. eventually, 110. alignment, 111. Communal, 112. stunned

113. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
114. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
115. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.
- n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
116. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
117. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
118. The patient's memory loss is _____ with periods of normal memory followed by episodes of amnesia.
- adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; of or relating to writing or narration
119. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
- n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
120. There will be an _____ lecture for new students this afternoon.
- n.* a person's basic attitudes, beliefs, and preferences about particular things; a course introducing a new situation or environment

ANSWERS: 113. algorithm, 114. strategy, 115. cheek, 116. Industrial, 117. associate, 118. episodic, 119. governance, 120. orientation

121. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

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

122. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

123. 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

124. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

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

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

126. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

127. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

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

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

ANSWERS: 121. pride, 122. judgments, 123. develop, 124. philanthropy, 125. yelled, 126. critics, 127. brilliant, 128. specific

129. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
130. Developing _____ skills can enhance learning and problem-solving abilities.
- adj.* relating to or involving knowledge or awareness of one's own cognitive processes, strategies, and abilities
131. The treasure _____ of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.
- n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
132. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.
- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
133. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
134. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
135. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 129. platform, 130. metacognitive, 131. trove, 132. cables, 133. debate, 134. committed, 135. feat

136. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

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

137. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

138. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

139. I want to _____ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

- v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

140. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.

- n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

141. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

142. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

143. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 136. uplift, 137. strike, 138. gradual, 139. subscribe, 140. demon, 141. decision, 142. structure, 143. peer

144. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

145. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

146. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

147. She gets a _____ on each contract.

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

148. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

149. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

150. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

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

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

ANSWERS: 144. violent, 145. incredibly, 146. nonprofit, 147. commission, 148. relaxed, 149. innovative, 150. crown, 151. addicts

152. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
153. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.
- adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
154. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
155. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.
- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
156. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
- adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
157. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
158. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
159. He paid for a _____ to the newspaper to have it delivered to his house every morning.
- n.* the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly

ANSWERS: 152. employee, 153. introductory, 154. mechanisms, 155. ethos, 156. devastating, 157. boom, 158. consume, 159. subscription

160. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

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

161. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

162. The _____ jerseys the team wore were a big hit with the fans.

n. a person or thing that is reminiscent of a past era or an earlier time; a retro or nostalgic item or concept

163. The ___ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

164. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

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

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

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

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

167. He was very _____ with him about his intentions.

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

ANSWERS: 160. courage, 161. breakthroughs, 162. throwback, 163. con, 164. amazed, 165. temporary, 166. responsible, 167. upfront

168. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

169. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

170. The teacher gave an _____ to the students about the importance of submitting their assignments on time.

n. a warning, caution, or piece of advice aimed at correcting or preventing a mistake or misdeed

171. The comedian's stand-up routine was _____.

adj. extremely funny

172. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

173. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

174. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

175. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

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

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

ANSWERS: 168. humble, 169. framework, 170. admonition, 171. hilarious, 172. shift, 173. educational, 174. unlikely, 175. regularly, 176. billionaire

177. _____ youth makes rueful age.

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

178. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

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

179. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

180. 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

181. We made a _____ to the client.

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

182. Many consumers prefer _____ streaming services over traditional cable TV.

adj. available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay

183. She stayed up all night _____ her favorite TV show.

n. a period of excessive or uncontrolled consumption, often of food or alcohol; a spree or bout of reckless behavior or indulgence

184. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 177. Reckless, 178. grade, 179. internal, 180. quarter, 181. recommendation, 182. on-demand, 183. binge-watching, 184. license

185. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

186. I ____ that you know it.

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

187. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

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

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

189. He continued to support her political _____.

n. a way of thinking about something, especially expressed publicly; attitude or position of a standing person or animal

190. 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

191. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

192. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

ANSWERS: 185. curiosity, 186. bet, 187. horrible, 188. brand, 189. stance, 190. environment, 191. invest, 192. unfair

193. The _____ in the wind instrument needs to be replaced.

- n.* a tall, slender-leaved plant that grows in water; a thin strip of wood or metal that vibrates to produce sound in certain musical instruments such as oboe, clarinet, and saxophone

194. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

- adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

195. The company is launching a new line of _____ products aimed at young adults.

- adj.* consisting of or occurring in a series or sequence; relating to or involving a series or sequence of events, stories, or incidents

196. The _____ of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

- n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

197. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.

- n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

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

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

199. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.

- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 193. reed, 194. nowhere, 195. serial, 196. charter, 197. addiction, 198. chaos, 199. revenue