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Session 1: Word List

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

mum

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

synonym: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym : nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

socialist

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

synonym : communistic, Marxist, socialist

(1) **socialist** regime, (2) **socialist** ideology

He is a progressive **socialist** and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym : broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym : infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

synonym : kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game
He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

refusal

n. the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : denial, rejection, turndown

(1) meet with a **refusal**, (2) **refusal** of inspection

She gave a firm **refusal**.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up
Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

apprehend

v. to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future

synonym: capture, arrest, seize

(1) **apprehend** the meaning, (2) **apprehend** a criminal
The police were able to **apprehend** the suspect after a high-speed chase.

substantial

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

synonym: significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**
I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

rage

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

synonym: fury, anger, outrage

(1) uncontrollable **rage**, (2) fall into a **rage**
She was filled with a burning **rage** at the injustice she had witnessed.

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.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym : argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

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.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym : ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

eve

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

synonym : evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

supremacy

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

synonym : dominance, superiority, preeminence

(1) a race for **supremacy**, (2) **supremacy** of a country

The empire's military power ensured its **supremacy** over the neighboring states.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy
synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
synonym: acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym: god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym: hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

misery

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

synonym: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**

Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

refuse

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

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

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

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

reject

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

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

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

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

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.

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.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

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.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

mystification

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

synonym: puzzle, perplexity, confusion

(1) **mystification** of the public, (2) **mystification** of the subject

The magician's tricks were a source of **mystification** for the audience.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

rapacious

adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

synonym: greedy, predatory, acquisitive

(1) **rapacious** appetite, (2) **rapacious** behavior

The **rapacious** CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

exploitation

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

synonym: victimization, development, using

(1) sexual **exploitation**, (2) the **exploitation** of fossil resources

Strategic **exploitation** of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

accelerate

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

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

inequality

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

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life

insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym: compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor

I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym: harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

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

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

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

synonym : fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym : discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

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

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

leaflet

n. a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

synonym : pamphlet, brochure, flier

(1) information **leaflet**, (2) political **leaflet**

The environmental group handed out **leaflets** to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym : trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving electricity.

emerge

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

synonym : arise, occur, appear

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

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

placard

n. a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement

synonym : poster, sign, billboard

(1) **placard** campaign, (2) warning **placard**

The protesters held a **placard** with their political message.

scream

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

very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet
She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope
Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

fascist

adj. relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties

synonym : authoritarian, dictatorial, totalitarian

(1) **fascist** propaganda, (2) **fascist** policies

The regime was accused of being **fascist** for their oppressive tactics.

embrace

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

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym : musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym: aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym: scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym : renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

spokesperson

n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

synonym : representative, interpreter, mouthpiece

(1) company **spokesperson**, (2) official **spokesperson**
The celebrity **spokesperson** made an appearance at the product launch event.

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

background

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

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and

peace.

comprehensive

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary
synonym : complete, encyclopedic, thorough

(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey

We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

profane

adj. showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior

synonym : sacrilegious, blasphemous, impious

(1) **profane** gesture, (2) **profane** jokes

The **profane** language in the movie made it unsuitable for children.

impure

adj. mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters

synonym : contaminated, polluted, unclean

(1) **impure** water, (2) **impure** thoughts

In some religions, pork is deemed **impure**.

blasphemy

n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

synonym : desecration, impiety, heresy

(1) commit **blasphemy**, (2) **blasphemy** against the law
It is **blasphemy** to say such a thing.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

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

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

fantasy

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

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

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

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

cosmic

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

synonym : astronomical, celestial, outer-space

(1) second **cosmic** velocity, (2) **cosmic** background radiation

Cosmic rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

discard

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

synonym : throw away, reject, abandon

(1) **discard** old beliefs, (2) **discard** the downloaded data

He **discarded** the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

forgery

n. the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

synonym : counterfeit, fake, imitation

(1) **forgery** scam, (2) passport **forgery**

The art museum was forced to close down temporarily due to concerns over **forgery** in their collection.

envision

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

synonym : anticipate, foresee, picture

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

We cannot **envision** her as President.

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym : shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

destroy

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

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

mosque

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

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

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

shrine

n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

synonym: altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**

The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

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.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

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.

pray

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

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

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

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

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

ordinary

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

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

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

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

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym : destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym : nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

lethal

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

synonym : destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of hypertension.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym : extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym : gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

hero

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

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

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

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

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym : sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym : big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

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**.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym : illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

timeless

adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

synonym : dateless, everlasting, imperishable

(1) **timeless** masterpiece, (2) **timeless** topic

There is a **timeless** aspect to his most remarkable work.

oddly

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

synonym : strangely, peculiarly, weirdly

(1) behave **oddly**, (2) **oddly** familiar

He walked into the party with an **oddly** dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym : belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

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.

impermanent

adj. not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

synonym: temporary, fleeting

(1) **impermanent** tattoo, (2) **impermanent** hair color

The **impermanent** nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

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.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym : large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

church

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

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

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

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

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

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

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

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

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.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

cozy

adj. comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation

synonym: comfortable, warm, snug

(1) have **cozy** relations, (2) **cozy** sound of rain

The fireplace made the room feel **cozy** and inviting.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym : uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym : better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

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.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**
He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

creditor

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

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

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

high-street

n. the main trading street of a town or city, typically lined with various shops, businesses, and commercial establishments; (adjective) of or relating to mainstream, commercially popular products, services, or fashion, which are usually available to the general public

synonym : main street, downtown, (adjective) economical

(1) **high-street** brands, (2) **high-street** fashion

I always enjoy shopping at the **high-street** stores in the city center.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency

headquarter

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

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.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

capitalism

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

synonym: commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

creed

n. a system of beliefs or principles

synonym: doctrine, belief, principle

(1) political **creed**, (2) **creed** of faith

The **creed** of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym: trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

laundry

n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

synonym: wash, clothes, linen

(1) send out the **laundry**, (2) **laundry** room

I need to do the **laundry** before I run out of clean clothes.

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.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

ethnicity

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

synonym : race, culture, heritage

(1) with respect to **ethnicity**, (2) based on their **ethnicity**

The company has a diverse workforce representing different **ethnicity** and backgrounds.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym : gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym : memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

sacred

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

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

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

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

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

injustice

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

synonym : unfairness, bias, discrimination

(1) gross **injustice**, (2) **injustice** system

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people

and led to protests.

obscure

adj. not well known to many people

synonym : esoteric, vague, unrecognized

(1) **obscure** answer, (2) **obscure** artist

This information was primarily **obscured** in the first release.

globe

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

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

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

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

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym : keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

hark

v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

synonym : listen, heed, obey

(1) **hark** to the wind in the trees, (2) **hark** forward to a time of peace

The new smartphone's design **harks** back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.

stitch

n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn

(1) a **stitch** in a garment, (2) pattern **stitch**

The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and **stitches**.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

synonym : ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

biography

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else
synonym: bio, memoir, life history

(1) **biography** of an actor, (2) medical **biography**

This is a well-recorded **biography**.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose
synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

politician

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

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

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

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

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.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

cult

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

synonym : sect, faith, religion

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

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

dynamic

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

synonym : energetic, active, vital

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

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

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed
or received

synonym : charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

heretical

adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

synonym: contrary, unorthodox, profane

(1) regard the view as **heretical**, (2) advocate a **heretical** doctrine

I made the **heretical** suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

ruthlessly

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

synonym: mercilessly, brutally, cruelly

(1) **ruthlessly** efficient, (2) judge **ruthlessly**

He **ruthlessly** cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

medieval

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

synonym: gothic, knightly, antique

(1) **medieval** times, (2) **medieval** history

Only the **medieval** tower remained standing.

latter

adj. situated nearer to the end of something than the beginning; recent

synonym: following, recent, latest

(1) the **latter** part of the 20th century, (2) the **latter** half of life

We plan to schedule the feature update for the **latter** ten days of September.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

divine

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

synonym: godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace
The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

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.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

govern

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

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach
He was awfully **upset** by the news.

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**.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
synonym : nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym : criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

influence

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

synonym : power, leverage, effect

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

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

introduction

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

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

Session 2: Spelling

1. op____s the minority
v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
2. political cr__d
n. a system of beliefs or principles
3. le___l injection
adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
4. me_____cs of the game
n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
5. di_____se my feelings
v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
6. con_____on for murder
n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
7. administrative hea_____er
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
8. d__e to take risks
v. to have the courage to do something
9. N__i regime
n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 1. oppress, 2. creed, 3. lethal, 4. mechanics, 5. disguise, 6. conviction, 7. headquarter, 8. dare, 9. Nazi

10. vi____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
11. ap_____nd the meaning *v.* to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future
12. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
13. di___e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
14. im___e thoughts *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
15. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
16. ra_____us behavior *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
17. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
18. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
19. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 10. vitality, 11. apprehend, 12. monument, 13. divine, 14. impure, 15. pride, 16. rapacious, 17. fantasy, 18. complexity, 19. hero

20. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
21. me____al history *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
22. pl____d campaign *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
23. keep m_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
24. ve____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
25. pri____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
26. co___c background radiation *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
27. ob____e answer *adj.* not well known to many people
28. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
29. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
30. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
31. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 20. elite, 21. medieval, 22. placard, 23. mum, 24. venture, 25. primordial, 26. cosmic, 27. obscure, 28. ethnic, 29. necessarily, 30. refuse, 31. union

32. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
33. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
34. fall into a r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
35. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
36. hig_____et fashion *n.* the main trading street of a town or city, typically lined with various shops, businesses, and commercial establishments; (adjective) of or relating to mainstream, commercially popular products, services, or fashion, which are usually available to the general public
37. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
38. mys_____ion of the public *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
39. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 32. chip, 33. preach, 34. rage, 35. mass, 36. high-street, 37. govern, 38. mystification, 39. military

40. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
41. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
42. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
43. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
44. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
45. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
46. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
47. m_m's cooking *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
48. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
49. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 40. broad, 41. cling, 42. impose, 43. expose, 44. racism, 45. chip, 46. accident, 47. mum, 48. hunt, 49. tribe

50. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
51. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
52. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
53. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
54. me_____al times *adj.* relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450
55. a race for su_____cy *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
56. at_____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
57. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
58. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
59. the vi_____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
60. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 50. interconnect, 51. confuse, 52. introduction, 53. unequal, 54. medieval, 55. supremacy, 56. atheist, 57. march, 58. Christ, 59. vitality, 60. essence

61. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
62. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
63. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
64. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
65. rut_____ly efficient *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
66. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
67. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
68. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
69. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
70. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
71. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
72. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

ANSWERS: 61. dismal, 62. vast, 63. offensive, 64. enormous, 65. ruthlessly, 66. dare, 67. realm, 68. conflict, 69. suppose, 70. background, 71. evil, 72. glory

73. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
74. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
75. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
76. la____y room *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
77. the Ca____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
78. sleep pro____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
79. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
80. ca____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
81. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
82. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
83. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 73. firm, 74. poverty, 75. statue, 76. laundry, 77. Catholic, 78. profoundly, 79. empire, 80. Catholic, 81. massive, 82. broad, 83. violent

84. ob____e artist *adj.* not well known to many people
85. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
86. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
87. 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
88. su____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
89. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
90. nev____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
91. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
92. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
93. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 84. obscure, 85. hunt, 86. label, 87. develop, 88. superior, 89. pound, 90. nevertheless, 91. threat, 92. elect, 93. involve

105. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
106. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
107. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
108. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
109. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
110. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
111. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
112. di___l performance *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
113. cr__d of faith *n.* a system of beliefs or principles
114. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
115. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 105. elite, 106. globe, 107. recreate, 108. movement, 109. atheist, 110. glory, 111. dictate, 112. dismal, 113. creed, 114. label, 115. background

116. sa___d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
117. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
118. the exp_____ion of fossil resources *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
119. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
120. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
121. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
122. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
123. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
124. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
125. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
126. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 116. sacred, 117. racial, 118. exploitation, 119. origin, 120. appalling, 121. accident, 122. mosque, 123. murder, 124. institutionalize, 125. pristine, 126. condense

127. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
128. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
129. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
130. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
131. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
132. behave od___y *adv.* in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
133. fu___y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
134. tra_____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
135. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
136. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

ANSWERS: 127. belong, 128. recreate, 129. Jewish, 130. dictate, 131. property, 132. oddly, 133. fuzzy, 134. transnational, 135. permanent, 136. impose

137. di____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
138. pattern st____h *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
139. a se____e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
140. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
141. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
142. a st____h in a garment *n.* one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
143. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
144. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
145. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
146. numerous un____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
147. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
148. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 137. dispute, 138. stitch, 139. severe, 140. separate, 141. poverty, 142. stitch, 143. fantasy, 144. banish, 145. boundary, 146. uncertain, 147. reject, 148. pray

149. high pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
150. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
151. a con_____us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
152. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
153. our school un_____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
154. nat_____st sentiment *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
155. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
156. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
157. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
158. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
159. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly

ANSWERS: 149. purity, 150. religion, 151. continuous, 152. critic, 153. uniform, 154. nationalist, 155. apocalyptic, 156. threaten, 157. expansive, 158. importance, 159. frequent

160. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
161. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
162. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
163. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
164. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
165. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
166. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
167. political le_____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

ANSWERS: 160. eve, 161. womb, 162. candidate, 163. brand, 164. envision, 165. politician, 166. span, 167. leaflet

168. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
169. at a un_____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
170. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
171. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
172. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
173. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
174. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
175. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
176. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
177. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 168. Jewish, 169. uniform, 170. property, 171. pound, 172. norm, 173. pants, 174. decide, 175. uncertain, 176. upset, 177. democracy

178. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
179. an et_____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
180. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
181. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
182. h__k forward to a time of peace *v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something
183. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
184. sc_____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
185. sexual exp_____ion *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
186. occ_____al assistance *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
187. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
188. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 178. constantly, 179. ethical, 180. lifetime, 181. manufacture, 182. hark, 183. influence, 184. scream, 185. exploitation, 186. occasional, 187. primordial, 188. undermine

189. 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
190. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
191. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
192. fa_____t policies *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
193. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
194. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
195. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
196. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
197. imp_____nt tattoo *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting

ANSWERS: 189. cable, 190. obliterate, 191. ordinary, 192. fascist, 193. mosque, 194. stake, 195. womb, 196. responsible, 197. impermanent

198. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
199. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
200. scientific ce_____ty *n.* the state of being certain
201. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs
202. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
203. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
204. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
205. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 198. aspire, 199. firm, 200. certainty, 201. Nazi, 202. preach, 203. economy, 204. unequal, 205. dynamic

206. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
207. a dy____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
208. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
209. advocate a he_____al doctrine *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion
210. pu_____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
211. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
212. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
213. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
214. bl_____my against the law *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

ANSWERS: 206. vast, 207. dynamic, 208. transnational, 209. heretical, 210. puzzled, 211. behalf, 212. belong, 213. cheer, 214. blasphemy

215. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
216. ra___t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
217. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
218. 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
219. hig_____et brands *n.* the main trading street of a town or city, typically lined with various shops, businesses, and commercial establishments; (adjective) of or relating to mainstream, commercially popular products, services, or fashion, which are usually available to the general public
220. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
221. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
222. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
223. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

ANSWERS: 215. norm, 216. racist, 217. pristine, 218. cable, 219. high-street, 220. accelerate, 221. shave, 222. apocalyptic, 223. secular

224. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
225. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
226. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
227. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
228. provide su_____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
229. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
230. 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
231. judge rut_____ly *adv.* without compassion or pity; mercilessly
232. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
233. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
234. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 224. military, 225. regularly, 226. politician, 227. enormous, 228. superior, 229. plot, 230. radical, 231. ruthlessly, 232. pray, 233. pun, 234. emerge

235. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
236. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
237. the halo of a sa____d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
238. 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
239. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
240. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
241. 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: 235. cult, 236. ordinary, 237. sacred, 238. criticism, 239. religion, 240. deity, 241. process

242. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
243. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
244. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
245. have a sub_____al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
246. uncontrollable r__e *n.* a strong feeling of anger or violence
247. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
248. in_____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
249. 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
250. send out the la_____y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
251. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
252. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 242. opera, 243. underground, 244. similarly, 245. substantial, 246. rage, 247. capitalism, 248. injustice, 249. brand, 250. laundry, 251. conflict, 252. develop

253. ti____ss masterpiece *adj.* not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion
254. fun_____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
255. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
256. home in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
257. second co___c velocity *adj.* relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless
258. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
259. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
260. commit bl_____my *n.* action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion
261. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
262. company spo_____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
263. conduct a com_____ive survey *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
264. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 253. timeless, 254. fundamentalist, 255. refuse, 256. invasion, 257. cosmic, 258. manufacture, 259. radical, 260. blasphemy, 261. violent, 262. spokesperson, 263. comprehensive, 264. separate

265. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
266. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
267. con_____us improvement *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
268. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
269. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
270. have c__y relations *adj.* comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation
271. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
272. po___h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
273. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 265. invade, 266. capitalism, 267. continuous, 268. union, 269. judge, 270. cozy, 271. influence, 272. polish, 273. pun

274. me_____cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
275. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
276. the degree of pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
277. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
278. ba____h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
279. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
280. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
281. political fun_____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
282. et____c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
283. on his own be____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
284. h__k to the wind in the trees *v.* to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

ANSWERS: 274. mechanics, 275. suppose, 276. purity, 277. destroy, 278. banish, 279. disguise, 280. absurd, 281. fundamentalist, 282. ethnic, 283. behalf, 284. hark

305. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
306. co____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
307. lar____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
308. ch____h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
309. universal es____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
310. im____e water *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
311. literature of pe____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
312. ap____ng behavior *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
313. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

ANSWERS: 305. ancient, 306. condense, 307. large-scale, 308. church, 309. essence, 310. impure, 311. permanent, 312. appalling, 313. upset

314. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
315. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
316. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
317. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
318. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
319. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
320. di_____d the downloaded data *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
321. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
322. military ca___e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
323. ra___l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
324. the la___r half of life *adj.* situated nearer to the end of something than the beginning; recent

ANSWERS: 314. constantly, 315. vision, 316. nation, 317. liberal, 318. relation, 319. assume, 320. discard, 321. complexity, 322. caste, 323. racial, 324. latter

325. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
326. po_____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
327. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
328. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
329. existence of a de__y *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
330. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
331. passport fo_____y *n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
332. far-right ra___t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
333. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 325. gender, 326. possess, 327. communal, 328. church, 329. deity, 330. typical, 331. forgery, 332. racist, 333. plot

334. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
335. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
336. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
337. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
338. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
339. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
340. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
341. based on their et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
342. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
343. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
344. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 334. pants, 335. interconnect, 336. profoundly, 337. rally, 338. grandparent, 339. tradition, 340. messy, 341. ethnicity, 342. fiction, 343. impressive, 344. span

345. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
346. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
347. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
348. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
349. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
350. warning pl_____d *n.* a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
351. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
352. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
353. ra_____us appetite *adj.* aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature
354. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
355. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

ANSWERS: 345. secular, 346. confuse, 347. democracy, 348. involve, 349. fiction, 350. placard, 351. distinct, 352. creditor, 353. rapacious, 354. large-scale, 355. distinct

356. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
357. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
358. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
359. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
360. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
361. re_____l of inspection *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
362. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
363. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
364. regard the view as he_____al *adj.* departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

ANSWERS: 356. expose, 357. inequality, 358. lifetime, 359. threat, 360. liberal, 361. refusal, 362. cartoon, 363. underground, 364. heretical

365. obl_____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
366. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
367. imp_____nt hair color *adj.* not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting
368. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
369. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
370. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
371. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
372. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
373. information le_____t *n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf

ANSWERS: 365. obliterate, 366. argument, 367. impermanent, 368. mass, 369. statue, 370. destroy, 371. rally, 372. gender, 373. leaflet

374. of ___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
375. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
376. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
377. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
378. a warm em____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasp another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
379. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
380. a sk____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
381. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
382. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
383. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
384. di____d old beliefs *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

ANSWERS: 374. offend, 375. elect, 376. romantic, 377. assume, 378. embrace, 379. quest, 380. skeptical, 381. empire, 382. globe, 383. cult, 384. discard

385. mys_____ion of the subject *n.* the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate
386. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
387. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
388. with respect to et_____ty *n.* the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups
389. public re____m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
390. sc____m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
391. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
392. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
393. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
394. live in mi____y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

ANSWERS: 385. mystification, 386. ethical, 387. threaten, 388. ethnicity, 389. realm, 390. scream, 391. ban, 392. scout, 393. shave, 394. misery

395. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
396. le___l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
397. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
398. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
399. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
400. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
401. the la___r part of the 20th century *adj.* situated nearer to the end of something than the beginning; recent
402. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
403. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
404. the in____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
405. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
406. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

ANSWERS: 395. reject, 396. lethal, 397. identity, 398. responsible, 399. severe, 400. fuzzy, 401. latter, 402. boundary, 403. murder, 404. internal, 405. communal, 406. aspire

407. ma____e stars	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
408. od__y familiar	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar
409. local h__o	<i>n.</i> a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
410. an emergency hea____er	<i>n.</i> the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
411. ca____n industry	<i>n.</i> a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
412. ar__t the thief	<i>v.</i> to take into custody
413. racial or__n	<i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something
414. po____s divine powers	<i>v.</i> to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
415. mountain tr__e	<i>n.</i> a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
416. the sets were meticulously au____ic	<i>adj.</i> known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
417. fo____y scam	<i>n.</i> the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way

ANSWERS: 407. massive, 408. oddly, 409. hero, 410. headquarter, 411. cartoon, 412. arrest, 413. origin, 414. possess, 415. tribe, 416. authentic, 417. forgery

418. official spo_____son *n.* a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public
419. sh___e temple *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
420. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
421. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
422. 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
423. the Turkish in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
424. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
425. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
426. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 418. spokesperson, 419. shrine, 420. ban, 421. necessarily, 422. criticism, 423. invasion, 424. economy, 425. creative, 426. undermine

427. historical he____ge
428. self-int_____ion
429. pr_____e gesture
430. high imp_____ce
431. severe cr____c
432. a ge_____e article
433. fairly ty_____l symptoms
434. decision-making pr_____s
435. boy sc__t
- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
- adj.* showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
- adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
- 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
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 427. heritage, 428. introduction, 429. profane, 430. importance, 431. critic, 432. genuine, 433. typical, 434. process, 435. scout

436. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
437. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
438. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
439. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
440. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
441. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
442. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
443. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
444. fa_____t propaganda *adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
445. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

ANSWERS: 436. frequent, 437. victim, 438. ancient, 439. bomb, 440. Christ, 441. dispute, 442. internal, 443. accelerate, 444. fascist, 445. cling

446. untold mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
447. surface po___h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
448. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
449. su_____cy of a country *n.* the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status
450. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
451. bi_____hy of an actor *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
452. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
453. nonviolent ji___d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
454. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
455. me___y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
456. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 446. misery, 447. polish, 448. emerge, 449. supremacy, 450. offensive, 451. biography, 452. invade, 453. jihad, 454. offend, 455. messy, 456. decide

457. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
458. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
459. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
460. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
461. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
462. en_____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
463. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
464. e_e of the party *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
465. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 457. stake, 458. romantic, 459. claim, 460. absurd, 461. gentle, 462. envision, 463. myth, 464. eve, 465. victim

466. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
467. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
468. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
469. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
470. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
471. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
472. ji__d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
473. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
474. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
475. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 466. oppress, 467. nationalist, 468. quest, 469. normally, 470. argument, 471. inequality, 472. jihad, 473. regularly, 474. authentic, 475. evil

476. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
477. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
478. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
479. meet with a re_____l *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
480. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
481. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
482. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
483. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
484. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
485. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
486. di___e intervention *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
487. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
488. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

ANSWERS: 476. candidate, 477. embrace, 478. creative, 479. refusal, 480. march, 481. injustice, 482. creditor, 483. heritage, 484. impressive, 485. certainty, 486. divine, 487. genuine, 488. jack

489. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
490. ar____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
491. a sub_____al amount of capital *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
492. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
493. medical bi_____hy *n.* the story of a person's life written by someone else
494. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
495. pr_____e jokes *adj.* showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior
496. research on anti-ra____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
497. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
498. c__y sound of rain *adj.* comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation

ANSWERS: 489. identity, 490. arrest, 491. substantial, 492. cheer, 493. biography, 494. conviction, 495. profane, 496. racism, 497. bomb, 498. cozy

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is _____ to say such a thing.
n. action, attitude, or language that is offensive or shows a lack of respect for sacred character or religion

2. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.
adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

3. The new smartphone's design _____ back to the original model, which was much simpler and compact.
v. to recall, to return, or to revert, especially to an earlier time, situation, or condition; to listen attentively; to pay close attention to something

4. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

5. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

6. 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

7. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 1. blasphemy, 2. superior, 3. harks, 4. claim, 5. recreated, 6. cables, 7. mass

8. I need to do the _____ before I run out of clean clothes.
n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed
9. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
10. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
11. In some religions, pork is deemed _____.
adj. mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
12. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.
adv. in spite of that; yet
13. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
14. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.
adv. at regular intervals or times
15. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.
n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
16. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 8. laundry, 9. confused, 10. judge, 11. impure, 12. nevertheless, 13. ethnic, 14. regularly, 15. atheist, 16. elected

17. We plan to schedule the feature update for the _____ ten days of September.

adj. situated nearer to the end of something than the beginning; recent

18. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

19. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

20. I made the _____ suggestion that it might be better to withdraw from the business.

adj. departing from or opposite to accepted beliefs, standards, or principles of a particular religion

21. Only the _____ tower remained standing.

adj. relating to or belonging to the Middle Age that is for the period of A.D.600 to A.D. 1450

22. I always enjoy shopping at the _____ stores in the city center.

n. the main trading street of a town or city, typically lined with various shops, businesses, and commercial establishments; (adjective) of or relating to mainstream, commercially popular products, services, or fashion, which are usually available to the general public

23. The heavy snow has been _____ since last morning.

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

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

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

ANSWERS: 17. latter, 18. cheered, 19. Jewish, 20. heretical, 21. medieval, 22. high-street, 23. continuous, 24. globe

25. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

26. 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

27. He is a progressive _____ and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

28. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

29. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

30. We cannot _____ her as President.

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

31. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

32. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

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

ANSWERS: 25. normally, 26. responsible, 27. socialist, 28. caste, 29. disguised, 30. envision, 31. plot, 32. politician

33. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

34. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

35. The _____ CEO made millions while exploiting his workers.

adj. aggressively greedy or grasping, often about money or resources; devouring or predacious in nature

36. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

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

37. The view from the mountaintop was truly _____.

adj. of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

38. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

39. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

40. She gave a firm _____.

n. the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

ANSWERS: 33. frequent, 34. stake, 35. rapacious, 36. governing, 37. divine, 38. venture, 39. severe, 40. refusal

41. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
42. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
43. The holy _____ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.
n. a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
44. The wound was so deep that it needed a surgical procedure and _____.
n. one of the tiny thread lines visible on a piece of fabric after it has been sewn
45. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
46. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
47. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
48. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.
adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
49. The celebrity _____ made an appearance at the product launch event.
n. a person who represents or speaks on behalf of an organization, group, or individual to the media or the public

ANSWERS: 41. creative, 42. complexity, 43. shrine, 44. stitches, 45. permanent, 46. quest, 47. shave, 48. large-scale, 49. spokesperson

50. 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

51. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

52. Malignant hypertension is the most _____ form of hypertension.

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

53. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

54. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

55. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.

n. a parent of one's father or mother

56. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

57. He is _____ in his thoughts.

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

58. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 50. relations, 51. norms, 52. lethal, 53. importance, 54. broad, 55. grandparents, 56. conviction, 57. liberal, 58. military

59. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

60. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

61. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

62. The woods _____ the house.

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

63. The _____ language in the movie made it unsuitable for children.

adj. showing disrespect towards what is considered sacred or holy; relating to secular or non-religious matters; vulgar or obscene in language or behavior

64. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

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

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

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

66. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

ANSWERS: 59. dare, 60. upset, 61. essence, 62. embrace, 63. profane, 64. influence, 65. hero, 66. vitality

67. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
68. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.
- n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
69. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
- adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
70. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
71. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
72. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
73. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.
- n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
74. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
- n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 67. tradition, 68. eve, 69. absurd, 70. profoundly, 71. victim, 72. assumes, 73. misery, 74. tribe

75. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
76. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
77. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
78. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
79. He _____ the old torn shirt and bought a new one.
- v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
80. The art museum was forced to close down temporarily due to concerns over _____ in their collection.
- n.* the act of creating a fake or false document, object, or currency to deceive or defraud others; the item that has been created in such a way
81. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
- n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
82. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 75. threatening, 76. empire, 77. inequality, 78. lifetime, 79. discarded, 80. forgery, 81. candidate's, 82. pounds

83. The protesters held a _____ with their political message.
n. a sign or poster, usually large, used to advertise or promote something, to convey information, or to make a public announcement
84. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
85. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
86. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
87. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
88. The _____ nature of life should remind us to cherish every moment.
adj. not lasting or enduring; temporary, transitory, or fleeting
89. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
90. There is a _____ aspect to his most remarkable work.
adj. not seeming to be altered by the passage of time or changes in fashion

ANSWERS: 83. placard, 84. cartoon, 85. involves, 86. church, 87. myth, 88. impermanent, 89. argument, 90. timeless

91. The company sent a _____ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

92. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.

- adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary

93. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

94. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

95. This accident was something that happened _____.

- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

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

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

97. The ____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

98. The police were able to _____ the suspect after a high-speed chase.

- v.* to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future

ANSWERS: 91. scout, 92. comprehensive, 93. accident, 94. ban, 95. necessarily, 96. religion, 97. firm, 98. apprehend

99. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
100. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
101. 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
102. The regime was accused of being _____ for their oppressive tactics.
- adj.* relating to or supporting fascism, which is a political ideology that emphasizes authoritarian government, nationalism, and suppression of political opposition and individual liberties
103. My ___ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.
- n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
104. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.
- v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
105. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.
- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
106. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
- v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

ANSWERS: 99. prayed, 100. vision, 101. develop, 102. fascist, 103. mum, 104. rally, 105. jack, 106. clings

107. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

108. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

109. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

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

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

111. He _____ cut ties with anyone who crossed him.

adv. without compassion or pity; mercilessly

112. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

113. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

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

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

ANSWERS: 107. genuine, 108. pristine, 109. preached, 110. cult, 111. ruthlessly, 112. chip, 113. monument, 114. violent

115. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

116. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

117. She was filled with a burning _____ at the injustice she had witnessed.

n. a strong feeling of anger or violence

118. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

119. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

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

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

121. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

122. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

123. The condition of that old house was _____.

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 115. impressive, 116. authentic, 117. rage, 118. origin, 119. undermine, 120. separate, 121. suppose, 122. evil, 123. appalling

124. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
125. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
126. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
127. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.
n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
128. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
129. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
130. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.
n. great honor or success won by notable achievements
131. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 124. label, 125. massive, 126. belong, 127. fundamentalist, 128. vast, 129. banished, 130. glory, 131. condense

132. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

133. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

134. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

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

135. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

136. The magician's tricks were a source of _____ for the audience.

n. the act or process of making something difficult to understand or explain, often to deceive or manipulate

137. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

138. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

ANSWERS: 132. pun, 133. union, 134. fantasy, 135. murder, 136. mystification, 137. transnational, 138. racial

139. Strategic _____ of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.
- n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
140. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
141. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
- adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
142. The environmental group handed out _____ to raise awareness of the dangers of deforestation.
- n.* a small, thin piece of paper or other material, often used for advertising or informational purposes; a small branch or part of a leaf
143. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.
- n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
144. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.
- n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
145. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 139. exploitation, 140. manufactured, 141. apocalyptic, 142. leaflets, 143. deity, 144. purity, 145. introduction

146. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

147. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

148. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

149. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

150. Truth is stranger than _____.

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

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

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

152. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

153. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

ANSWERS: 146. nationalist, 147. span, 148. dismal, 149. hunt, 150. fiction, 151. sacred, 152. oppressed, 153. statue

154. It was his first _____ love.

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

155. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

156. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

157. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

158. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

159. The president must have the highest _____ standards.

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

160. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

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

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

162. He studied _____ in college and now works as an engineer.

n. the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

ANSWERS: 154. romantic, 155. impose, 156. aspired, 157. invasion, 158. exposed, 159. ethical, 160. interconnect, 161. realm, 162. mechanics

163. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

adj. disorganized and untidy

164. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

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

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

166. The company has a diverse workforce representing different _____ and backgrounds.

n. the cultural characteristics of a particular group, such as language, religion, and traditions, that distinguish them from other groups

167. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

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

168. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

169. The _____ party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 163. messy, 164. similarly, 165. internal, 166. ethnicity, 167. institutionalize, 168. racist, 169. Nazi

170. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

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

n. the condition of being extremely poor

172. The company has an _____ network of offices and locations around the world.

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

173. The empire's military power ensured its _____ over the neighboring states.

n. the state, condition, or position of being superior to all others in authority, power, or status

174. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

175. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

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

176. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

177. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

ANSWERS: 170. typical, 171. poverty, 172. expansive, 173. supremacy, 174. identity, 175. dynamic, 176. nation, 177. obliterated

178. He walked into the party with an _____ dressed companion, causing everyone to stare.

adv. in a way that is unexpected, strange, or peculiar

179. _____ rays are high-energy particles that originate from outside the solar system.

adj. relating to the universe or cosmos; vast or limitless

180. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

181. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

182. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

183. The pandemic was a _____ business opportunity for certain companies.

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

184. My initial reaction was to _____.

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

185. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

ANSWERS: 178. oddly, 179. Cosmic, 180. dispute, 181. Christmas, 182. womb, 183. substantial, 184. refuse, 185. underground

186. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

187. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

188. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

189. This information was primarily _____ in the first release.

adj. not well known to many people

190. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

191. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

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

192. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.

n. the state of being certain

193. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 186. fuzzy, 187. opera, 188. offensive, 189. obscured, 190. racism, 191. background, 192. certainty, 193. skeptical

194. This is a well-recorded _____.

n. the story of a person's life written by someone else

195. 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

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

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

197. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

198. He _____ a good sense of humor.

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

199. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

200. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

201. 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

202. 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

ANSWERS: 194. biography, 195. criticism, 196. creditor, 197. headquarters, 198. possesses, 199. uncertain, 200. catholic, 201. radical, 202. process

203. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

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

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

205. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

206. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society

207. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

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

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

209. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

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

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

211. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

ANSWERS: 203. boundary, 204. movement, 205. puzzled, 206. injustice, 207. Communal, 208. destroyed, 209. polish, 210. critics, 211. arrest

212. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

213. The _____ of the organization emphasized hard work and dedication.

n. a system of beliefs or principles

214. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

215. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

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

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

217. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

218. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

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

219. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

220. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 212. emerged, 213. creed, 214. occasional, 215. pants, 216. decide, 217. gentle, 218. screaming, 219. invade, 220. enormous

221. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.

- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

222. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

223. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

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

224. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.

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

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

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

226. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

- adv.* all the time

227. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.

- v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

228. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

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

ANSWERS: 221. bombs, 222. gender, 223. conflicts, 224. accelerate, 225. pride, 226. constantly, 227. dictated, 228. marched

229. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

230. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

231. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

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

232. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

233. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

234. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

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

235. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

236. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 229. distinct, 230. elites, 231. Mosque, 232. offended, 233. heritage, 234. ordinary, 235. threat, 236. property

237. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
238. I gave witness on her _____.
- n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
239. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
240. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.
- adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
241. This country has a nationally _____ culture.
- adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
242. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
243. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
244. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 237. Democracy, 238. behalf, 239. primordial, 240. unequal, 241.

uniform, 242. Capitalism, 243. rejected, 244. economy

245. 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

246. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.

- adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

247. They have been living near water since _____ times.

- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

248. The fireplace made the room feel _____ and inviting.

- adj.* comfortable and warm; giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation

249. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

- n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

ANSWERS: 245. brand, 246. secular, 247. ancient, 248. cozy, 249. jihad