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Session 1: Word List

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym: brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**
The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.

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.

defect

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

synonym: fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym: dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

restricted

adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym: limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet

The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

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.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

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.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the

century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

sugarcane

n. a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products

(1) **sugarcane** plantation, (2) sugar made from **sugarcane**

Sugarcane juice was a popular drink in the hot weather.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

correspond

v. to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages

synonym : match, equate, communicate

(1) **correspond** to a standard, (2) **correspond** with a foreign student

The numbers on the sign **correspond** to points on the map.

comparable

adj. able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something

synonym : equal, commensurate, similar

(1) **comparable** sales, (2) a **comparable** amount of energy

Humans and apes have **comparable** anatomical structures.

alcoholism

n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

synonym : alcohol dependency, alcohol addiction, drunkenness

(1) acute **alcoholism**, (2) **alcoholism** recovery
He lost everything due to his **alcoholism**.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice
The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym: rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym: dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

perspective

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

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

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

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

ineffective

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

synonym: useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player

These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

stormy

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

synonym: tempestuous, turbulent, choppy

(1) **stormy** relationship, (2) **stormy** weather

The city council meeting was **stormy**, as people argued about a controversial new policy.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

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.

annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

synonym: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

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

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

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.

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.

resonant

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym: echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity

The **resonant** frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre-**modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

sleeve

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
synonym: arm covering, armband

(1) a wide **sleeve**, (2) **sleeve** length

He rolled up his **sleeves** to get ready to work.

paperwork

n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

synonym: documentation, filing, office work

(1) **paperwork** process, (2) bureaucratic **paperwork**

The **paperwork** for the loan application was extensive.

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.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

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

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

symptom

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

synonym: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym: metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym: establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym: empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

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.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

old-fashioned

adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern

synonym: antiquated, ancient, outdated

(1) an **old-fashioned** person, (2) **old-fashioned** in appearance

My father is **old-fashioned** in his thinking.

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

philosophy

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

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

hint *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
synonym: clue, indication, suggestion
(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**
There was no **hint** of a problem.

utopia *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia
(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer
The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

proponent *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
synonym: advocate, devotee, follower
(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace
Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

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.

spectrum *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
synonym: range, scale, spread
(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**
This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

guarantee

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

synonym: assure, promise, warrant

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

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

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym: refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

unconditional

adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions

synonym: absolute, complete, unqualified

(1) **unconditional** forgiveness, (2) **unconditional** support

Her love for him was **unconditional**, despite all of his flaws.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

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**.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

cabinet

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior

members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

synonym: cupboard, ministry, authority

(1) member of the **cabinet**, (2) the **cabinet** above the sink
The prime minister decided to reshuffle his **cabinet** to regain support.

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.

resound

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

synonym: echo, reverberate, ring

(1) **resound** with his fame, (2) **resound** in an enclosure
The sound of the drums **resounded** through the concert hall.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

substantially

adv. to a great extent or degree

synonym: considerably, essentially, largely

(1) the price went up **substantially**, (2) the house was **substantially** built
The proportion of female engineers has **substantially** increased.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

domestic

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

synonym: endemic, private, household

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

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

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.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

complaint

n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

synonym: grievance, objection, accusation

(1) **complaint** department, (2) **complaint** about price-gouging

She filed a **complaint** with the manager about the poor service.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

paternalism

n. the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

synonym: guardianship, fatherliness

(1) **paternalism** in healthcare, (2) critique of **paternalism**

The CEO's leadership style was characterized by **paternalism** towards his employees.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

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

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym: compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

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?

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

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

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

entrepreneur

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

synonym: founder, executive

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

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

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.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym: noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

quarter

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

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

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.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**

The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and

asked him a question.

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.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym : currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

poll

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

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

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

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

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
synonym: worker, staff, personnel

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

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

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
synonym: waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

résumé

n. a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements

synonym: summary, outline, recap

(1) **résumé** template, (2) professional **résumé**

You need to update your **résumé** before submitting it for the job application.

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

synonym: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

peer

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

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

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

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

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

disrupt

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

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

cocreate

v. to create something by working with others

(1) **cocreate** our life, (2) **cocreate** a relationship

We form partnerships to **cocreate** customer value.

mathematics

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

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

whiz

v. to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

synonym: zoom, zip, hurry

(1) **whiz** kid, (2) **whiz** through the book

The racing car **whizzed** past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

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

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

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

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.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym: plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym: status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym: cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

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.

xenophobia

n. extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
synonym : fear, hatred, aversion

(1) suffer from **xenophobia**, (2) linguistic **xenophobia**

The **xenophobia** in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

determinant

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

synonym : cause, factor, element

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

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

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym : salary, earnings, income

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

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1. st____e through life | <i>v.</i> to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily |
| 2. government bur____cy | <i>n.</i> a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives |
| 3. pr__e number | <i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic |
| 4. the cycle of po____y | <i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor |
| 5. get r_d of the rats | <i>v.</i> to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person |
| 6. w__z through the book | <i>v.</i> to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something |
| 7. ann____te the enemy | <i>v.</i> to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist |
| 8. sc____e resources | <i>adj.</i> not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain |
| 9. vi____t incident | <i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something |
| 10. in____t in stocks | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |

ANSWERS: 1. stumble, 2. bureaucracy, 3. prime, 4. poverty, 5. rid, 6. whiz, 7. annihilate, 8. scarce, 9. violent, 10. invest

11. number of different sc____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
12. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
13. ap____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
14. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
15. re____d in an enclosure *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
16. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
17. young people no____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
18. at____h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
19. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
20. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
21. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
22. get inc____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 11. scenario, 12. violent, 13. appoint, 14. military, 15. resound, 16. climate, 17. nowadays, 18. attach, 19. historic, 20. suppose, 21. preach, 22. incredibly

23. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
24. co_____te a relationship *v.* to create something by working with others
25. cor_____nd with a foreign student *v.* to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages
26. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
27. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
28. cover with th____h *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
29. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
30. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
31. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
32. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
33. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
35. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 23. experiment, 24. cocreate, 25. correspond, 26. guarantee, 27. conclude, 28. thatch, 29. incident, 30. inevitable, 31. preach, 32. hospitalize, 33. industrious, 34. historic, 35. philosophy

36. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
37. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
38. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
39. the price went up sub_____lly *adv.* to a great extent or degree
40. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
41. co_____te our life *v.* to create something by working with others
42. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
43. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
44. 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
45. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 36. rid, 37. pretension, 38. unleash, 39. substantially, 40. employee, 41. cocreate, 42. incredible, 43. harvest, 44. brand, 45. software

46. an und_____ng cause of an accident
adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
47. around the gl__e
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
48. a do_____ic animal
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
49. eve_____ly succeed
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
50. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
51. abu_____ly clear
adv. in large quantities; plentifully
52. co_____de that he is healthy
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
53. ti____r with the settings
v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
54. ha__h climate
adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
55. pe_____ve light
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
56. ine_____le changes of the seasons
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
57. billionaire ent_____eur
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
58. legal co_____t
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 46. underlying, 47. globe, 48. domestic, 49. eventually, 50. absolutely, 51. abundantly, 52. conclude, 53. tinker, 54. harsh, 55. perceive, 56. inevitable, 57. entrepreneur, 58. context

59. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
60. ap____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
61. co____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
62. the im____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
63. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
64. social st____a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
65. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
66. eve____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
67. 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.
68. common in____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
69. 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

ANSWERS: 59. propose, 60. appoint, 61. countless, 62. immediate, 63. peer, 64. stigma, 65. blank, 66. eventually, 67. politician, 68. invention, 69. decide

70. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
71. 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
72. ann_____te all doubts *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
73. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
74. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
75. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
76. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
77. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
78. w__z kid *v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something
79. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
80. professional r[]___[] *n.* a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements

ANSWERS: 70. brilliant, 71. pray, 72. annihilate, 73. marvel, 74. finance, 75. marvel, 76. climate, 77. ignore, 78. whiz, 79. industrious, 80. résumé

81. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
82. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
83. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
84. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
85. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
86. an ine_____ve speech *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
87. bl__t criticism *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
88. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
89. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 81. privilege, 82. fascinating, 83. finance, 84. eradicate, 85. radical, 86. ineffective, 87. blunt, 88. shelter, 89. quote

90. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
91. 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
92. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
93. qu___e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
94. old_____ned in appearance *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
95. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
96. th___h of hair *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
97. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
98. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
99. capital-sc___e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

ANSWERS: 90. symbol, 91. inequality, 92. determinant, 93. quote, 94. old-fashioned, 95. eradicate, 96. thatch, 97. strategy, 98. immediate, 99. scarce

100. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
101. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
102. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
103. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
104. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
105. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
106. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
107. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
108. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
109. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 100. relative, 101. mathematics, 102. accidentally, 103. structure, 104. dive, 105. policy, 106. poll, 107. modern, 108. hint, 109. peer

110. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
111. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
112. re_____nt cavity *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
113. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
114. draw an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
115. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
116. sy_____ms of low testosterone *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
117. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
118. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
119. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 110. conduct, 111. pretension, 112. resonant, 113. suppose, 114. analogy, 115. economical, 116. symptom, 117. quarter, 118. minister, 119. scan

120. co_____nt department *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
121. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
122. monthly pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
123. enthusiastic pr_____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
124. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
125. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
126. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
127. a com_____le amount of energy *adj.* able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something
128. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
129. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 120. complaint, 121. incident, 122. paycheck, 123. proponent, 124. lift, 125. brain, 126. software, 127. comparable, 128. firsthand, 129. relative

130. com_____le sales *adj.* able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something
131. sl___e length *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
132. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
133. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
134. de___ts of character *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
135. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
136. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
137. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
138. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
139. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 130. comparable, 131. sleeve, 132. tinker, 133. paycheck, 134. defect, 135. shelter, 136. countless, 137. modern, 138. economical, 139. brainstorming

140. sugar made from su_____ne *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
141. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
142. pa_____rk process *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
143. us_____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
144. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
145. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
146. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
147. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
148. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
149. 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
150. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 140. sugarcane, 141. argue, 142. paperwork, 143. useless, 144. quo, 145. worldview, 146. globe, 147. estimate, 148. talent, 149. span, 150. brainstorming

151. visual de___ts *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
152. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
153. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
154. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
155. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
156. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
157. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
158. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
159. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
160. pr_____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
161. r□____□ template *n.* a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements
162. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 151. defect, 152. grant, 153. underlying, 154. install, 155. military, 156. scan, 157. suddenly, 158. hint, 159. venture, 160. proponent, 161. résumé, 162. descend

163. st___y weather *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
164. re____d with his fame *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
165. an old_____ned person *adj.* of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
166. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
167. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
168. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
169. 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
170. reap a ha____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
171. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
172. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

ANSWERS: 163. stormy, 164. resound, 165. old-fashioned, 166. bureaucracy, 167. stick, 168. revolutionary, 169. assume, 170. harvest, 171. quitter, 172. nightmare

173. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
174. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
175. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
176. linguistic xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
177. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
178. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
179. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
180. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
181. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
182. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
183. health po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 173. entrepreneur, 174. propose, 175. psychology, 176. xenophobia, 177. scarcity, 178. disrupt, 179. employee, 180. decision, 181. analyze, 182. scarcity, 183. policy

184. acute alc_____sm *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
185. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
186. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
187. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
188. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
189. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
190. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
191. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
192. res_____ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
193. imp_____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
194. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
195. pull an ine_____ve player *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result

ANSWERS: 184. alcoholism, 185. minister, 186. pray, 187. spectrum, 188. stumble, 189. dumb, 190. incredible, 191. complicated, 192. restricted, 193. impoverished, 194. restricted, 195. ineffective

196. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
197. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
198. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
199. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
200. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
201. member of the ca_____t *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
202. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
203. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
204. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
205. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

ANSWERS: 196. accidentally, 197. impoverished, 198. vast, 199. deserve, 200. discovery, 201. cabinet, 202. improvisation, 203. blunt, 204. dropout, 205. transact

206. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
207. de____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
208. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
209. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
210. 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
211. st___y relationship *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
212. de____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
213. su_____ne plantation *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
214. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
215. critique of pat_____sm *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

ANSWERS: 206. harsh, 207. deserve, 208. blank, 209. prime, 210. brand, 211. stormy, 212. descend, 213. sugarcane, 214. utopia, 215. paternalism

216. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
217. 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
218. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
219. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
220. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
221. st____e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
222. sa____y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
223. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
224. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
225. 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

ANSWERS: 216. essence, 217. radical, 218. pessimistic, 219. government, 220. poverty, 221. strike, 222. salary, 223. vast, 224. perplexity, 225. economy

226. re_____nt with the sound *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
227. hos_____ze child *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
228. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
229. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
230. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
231. public opinion p___ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
232. 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
233. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
234. pat_____sm in healthcare *n.* the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

ANSWERS: 226. resonant, 227. hospitalize, 228. conduct, 229. strategy, 230. mathematics, 231. poll, 232. inequality, 233. quitter, 234. paternalism

235. abu_____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
236. 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
237. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
238. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
239. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
240. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
241. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
242. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
243. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 235. abundantly, 236. economy, 237. privilege, 238. rethink, 239. argue, 240. quo, 241. determinant, 242. experiment, 243. invest

244. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
245. 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
246. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
247. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
248. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
249. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
250. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
251. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
252. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
253. ve_____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
254. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 244. nudge, 245. assume, 246. essence, 247. spectrum, 248. dive, 249. rethink, 250. install, 251. afford, 252. suddenly, 253. venture, 254. domestic

255. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
256. reduce sub_____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
257. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
258. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
259. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
260. unc_____nal forgiveness *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
261. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
262. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
263. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
264. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
265. historical an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
266. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 255. statistics, 256. subsequent, 257. grant, 258. firsthand, 259. psychology, 260. unconditional, 261. disrupt, 262. garbage, 263. revolutionary, 264. lift, 265. analogy, 266. brilliant

267. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
268. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
269. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
270. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
271. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
272. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
273. co_____nt about price-gouging *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
274. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
275. perfect ut____a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
276. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

ANSWERS: 267. discovery, 268. perspective, 269. improvisation, 270. statistics, 271. invention, 272. dropout, 273. complaint, 274. negative, 275. utopia, 276. estimate

277. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
278. not to be seen no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
279. the ca_____t above the sink *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
280. a per_____ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
281. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
282. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
283. pe_____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
284. a wide sl___e *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
285. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
286. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
287. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 277. scenario, 278. nowadays, 279. cabinet, 280. perplexity, 281. stick, 282. incredibly, 283. perceive, 284. sleeve, 285. strike, 286. dumb, 287. symbol

288. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
289. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
290. 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
291. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
292. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
293. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
294. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
295. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
296. tr_____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
297. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
298. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 288. absolutely, 289. afford, 290. span, 291. brain, 292. analyze, 293. stigma, 294. decide, 295. quarter, 296. transact, 297. pessimistic, 298. decision

299. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
300. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
301. alc_____sm recovery *n.* a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages
302. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
303. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
304. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
305. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
306. cor_____nd to a standard *v.* to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages
307. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
308. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
309. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

ANSWERS: 299. nudge, 300. responsible, 301. alcoholism, 302. perspective, 303. useless, 304. ignore, 305. nightmare, 306. correspond, 307. talent, 308. philosophy, 309. unleash

310. unc_____nal support *adj.* not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
311. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
312. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
313. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
314. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
315. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
316. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
317. at____h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
318. suffer from xen_____ia *n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
319. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
320. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 310. unconditional, 311. context, 312. complicated, 313. responsible, 314. government, 315. guarantee, 316. garbage, 317. attach, 318. xenophobia, 319. subsequent, 320. fascinating

321. a handsome sa___y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month
322. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
323. the house was sub_____lly built *adv.* to a great extent or degree
324. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
325. neurotic sy_____ms *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
326. bureaucratic pa_____rk *n.* administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents
327. 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.
328. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 321. salary, 322. negative, 323. substantially, 324. structure, 325. symptom, 326. paperwork, 327. politician, 328. worldview

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
2. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
3. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.
n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream
4. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
5. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
6. My father is _____ in his thinking.
adj. of or relating to a time in the past; not modern
7. The _____ roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.
n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
8. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

ANSWERS: 1. invest, 2. negative, 3. nightmare, 4. utopia, 5. absolutely, 6. old-fashioned, 7. thatch, 8. Entrepreneurs

9. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
10. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
11. He rolled up his _____ to get ready to work.
- n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
12. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
13. We form partnerships to _____ customer value.
- v.* to create something by working with others
14. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
15. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
16. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
- v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 9. scarcity, 10. worldviews, 11. sleeves, 12. software, 13. cocreate, 14. eradicate, 15. violent, 16. quoted

17. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

18. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

19. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

20. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

21. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

22. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

23. The _____ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

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

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

25. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 17. complicated, 18. talents, 19. scanned, 20. attach, 21. tinkering, 22. hospitalized, 23. perplexity, 24. venture, 25. suddenly

26. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
27. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
28. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
- v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
29. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
30. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
31. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
32. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
33. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 26. perspective, 27. finance, 28. appointed, 29. ignored, 30. afford, 31. scenarios, 32. revolutionary, 33. invention

34. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
35. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.
- adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
36. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
37. The city council meeting was _____ as people argued about a controversial new policy.
- adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
38. 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
39. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
40. The policy change resulted in an _____ positive outcome for the company.
- adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
41. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 34. employee, 35. restricted, 36. preached, 37. stormy, 38. span, 39. philosophy, 40. abundantly, 41. industrious

42. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
43. _____ juice was a popular drink in the hot weather.
n. a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
44. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
45. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
46. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
47. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
48. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
49. They need food and _____.
n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

ANSWERS: 42. historic, 43. Sugarcane, 44. argue, 45. conduct, 46. granted, 47. stick, 48. incredibly, 49. shelter

50. She was unduly _____ about her future.

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

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

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

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

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

53. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

54. I need to _____ some business at the bank before it closes.

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

55. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

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

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

57. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 50. pessimistic, 51. strike, 52. analyze, 53. incident, 54. transact, 55. lifted, 56. statistics, 57. fascinating

58. 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
59. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
- n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
60. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
61. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
62. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
- v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
63. The _____ in society makes it hard for immigrants to assimilate and integrate.
- n.* extreme fear or hatred of people from other countries
64. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.
- adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

ANSWERS: 58. economy, 59. brainstorming, 60. economical, 61. poverty, 62. nudged, 63. xenophobia, 64. blunt

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

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

66. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

- n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

67. 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

68. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

- adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

69. We must ___ ourselves of pollution.

- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

70. 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

71. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

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

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

ANSWERS: 65. disrupt, 66. garbage, 67. military, 68. useless, 69. rid, 70. inequality, 71. modern, 72. structure

73. 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
74. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
75. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
76. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
77. Her love for him was _____ despite all of his flaws.
adj. not subject to any conditions; absolute or complete; not limited by any qualifications or restrictions
78. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
79. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
80. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
81. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 73. essence, 74. domestic, 75. vast, 76. mathematics, 77. unconditional, 78. installed, 79. symbol, 80. experiments, 81. relatives

82. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
83. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
84. She filed a _____ with the manager about the poor service.
- n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
85. 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
86. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
87. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
88. These treatments were _____ against a virus.
- adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
89. The prime minister decided to reshuffle his _____ to regain support.
- n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

ANSWERS: 82. policy, 83. descended, 84. complaint, 85. prayed, 86. quitter, 87. discovery, 88. ineffective, 89. cabinet

90. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.
n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
91. The proportion of female engineers has _____ increased.
adv. to a great extent or degree
92. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.
n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
93. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
94. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
95. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
96. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
97. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 90. Defects, 91. substantially, 92. polls, 93. improvisation, 94. stigma, 95. pretensions, 96. inevitable, 97. firsthand

98. The sound of the drums _____ through the concert hall.
v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
99. 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.
100. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
101. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
102. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
103. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
104. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.
v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
105. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
106. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 98. resounded, 99. politician, 100. privilege, 101. perceived, 102. marvel, 103. Climate, 104. dive, 105. deserved, 106. decision

107. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
108. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
109. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
110. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
111. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
112. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
113. Humans and apes have _____ anatomical structures.
adj. able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something
114. 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

ANSWERS: 107. blank, 108. bureaucracy, 109. spectrum, 110. brain, 111. globe, 112. dropout, 113. comparable, 114. radical

115. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
116. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
117. 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
118. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.
adj. happening or occurring later or after something else
119. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
120. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
121. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
122. He lost everything due to his _____.
n. a chronic disorder characterized by dependence on alcohol and repeated excessive use of alcoholic beverages

ANSWERS: 115. context, 116. suppose, 117. assumes, 118. subsequent, 119. guarantee, 120. eventually, 121. countless, 122. alcoholism

123. People can clone a sheep _____.

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

124. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

125. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

126. The CEO's leadership style was characterized by _____ towards his employees.

n. the practice or belief of governing or managing individuals or groups in a manner that is considered to be nurturing or protective but also limiting or controlling their freedom and autonomy

127. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

128. There was no _____ of a problem.

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

129. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

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

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 123. nowadays, 124. concluded, 125. impoverished, 126. paternalism, 127. psychology, 128. hint, 129. government, 130. brilliant

131. You need to update your _____ before submitting it for the job application.
n. a summary of a person's education, work experience, and qualifications, often used in job applications as a way to showcase their skills and achievements
132. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
133. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
134. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
135. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
136. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
137. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.
adv. by chance or without planning
138. The company has been successful in maintaining the status _____.
n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
139. The _____ for the loan application was extensive.
n. administrative tasks that involve writing or typing documents

ANSWERS: 131. résumé, 132. rethink, 133. estimated, 134. stumbled, 135. strategy, 136. peer, 137. accidentally, 138. quo, 139. paperwork

140. 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

141. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

142. The virus had the potential to _____ entire populations if left unchecked.

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

143. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

adj. main or most important; basic

144. 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

145. What are your annual _____ expectations?

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

146. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

147. The _____ frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

ANSWERS: 140. decide, 141. incredible, 142. annihilate, 143. prime, 144. responsible, 145. salary, 146. underlying, 147. resonant

148. 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

149. The patient displays a _____ of a side effect.

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

150. The numbers on the sign _____ to points on the map.

v. to match or be similar to something else almost exactly; to exchange messages

151. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

152. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

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

153. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

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

154. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

155. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

ANSWERS: 148. brand, 149. symptom, 150. correspond, 151. scarce, 152. quarter, 153. determinant, 154. harsh, 155. immediate

156. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

- n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

157. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

158. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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

159. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

- adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

160. The racing car _____ past the grandstands, leaving a trail of dust behind it.

- v.* to move or run quickly and smoothly with a hissing or buzzing sound; to excel or perform skillfully in a particular area; to urinate; (noun) a person who is very clever or skilled at something

161. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.

- n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

162. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.

- n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

163. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.

- n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

ANSWERS: 156. harvest, 157. unleash, 158. propose, 159. dumb, 160. whizzed, 161. proponent, 162. analogy, 163. paycheck

164. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

ANSWERS: 164. minister