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Session 1: Word List

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym : musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

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

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

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

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

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

tunnel

n. an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

synonym : passageway, underground passage

(1) **tunnel** construction work, (2) **tunnel** disease

The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular **tunnel** allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

alleviate

v. to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden

synonym : ease, relieve, lessen

(1) **alleviate** anxiety, (2) **alleviate** stress

Taking ibuprofen can **alleviate** the pain from a headache.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym : clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

traffic

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

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

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

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

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

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

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

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

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.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

seamless

adj. without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

synonym : smooth, continuous, unseamed

(1) enable **seamless** access, (2) **seamless** device connectivity

The service was **seamless**, and the food was quite delicious.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym: lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym: blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

lax

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

synonym: loose, slack, relaxed

(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude

The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

toll *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
synonym: fee, cost, expense
(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death
There is no **toll** car park nearby.

basis *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
synonym: foundation, base, ground
(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation
This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

arbitrary *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
synonym: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical
(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator
He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

urban *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
synonym: metropolitan, civic
(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners
Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

rebuttal *n.* a response or argument that opposes or counters a previous statement or claim; a refutation or denial of the validity of an argument or claim
synonym: refutation, counterargument, disproof
(1) **rebuttal** to the argument, (2) **rebuttal** of the claims
The defense attorney offered a strong **rebuttal** to the prosecution's case.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

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.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city

synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

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

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

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym : usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

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

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

hundredfold

adj. a hundred times as great or as much

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

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

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
synonym : size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

diameter

n. the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
synonym : diam, width

(1) **diameter** of an oval, (2) a particle **diameter**

Draw a circle five centimeters in **diameter**.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
synonym : roadway, street, artery

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

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

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

sufficient

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
synonym : acceptable, ample, satisfactory

(1) **sufficient** time, (2) self- **sufficient** economy

That candidate does not have **sufficient** means to win an election with certainty.

ventilation

n. the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building
synonym : air circulation, aeration, airing

(1) **ventilation** system, (2) hyper- **ventilation** syndrome

The **ventilation** system in the building needed to be

replaced.

combustion

n. the act or process of burning something

synonym: burning, burst

(1) internal **combustion** engine, (2) spontaneous

combustion

Combustion of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless

attempt

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

sectional

adj. relating to or based on a particular section or division, often referring to a specific geographic area, group, or segment; characterized by divisions or separations

synonym: divisive, factional, segmental

(1) **sectional** couch, (2) **sectional** analysis

The report is divided into several **sectional** parts for

convenience in reading.

reinforcement

n. the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

synonym: strengthening, support, underpinning

(1) social **reinforcement**, (2) **reinforcement** of beliefs

The wall was strengthened with the **reinforcement** of heavy steel beams.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

synonym: ceaseless, regular, repeated

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

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

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym: strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

thermal

adj. relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat

synonym: heat-related, warm, hot

(1) **thermal** insulation, (2) **thermal** energy

The **thermal** imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.

- jack** *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
synonym: lever, crank, wrench
(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**
He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.
- 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.
- straightforward** *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
synonym: honest, candid, forthright
(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash
The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.
- excess** *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
synonym: exuberance, glut, surplus
(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports
The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.
- pet** *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**
I have a parrot as a **pet**.
- snail** *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
synonym: escargot, slug, whelk
(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace
The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through

the lettuce patch.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym : dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

rocket

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

synonym : projectile, missile

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

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

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym : loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym : concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym : center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

guillotine

n. a machine or device used for beheading, typically consisting of a tall upright frame with a suspended angled blade that is released to fall and sever the victim's head from their body; a method or process that produces swift and decisive action or change

synonym : decapitator, chopper

(1) **guillotine** blade, (2) metal **guillotine**

Due to budget constraints, the department was under a financial **guillotine**, making it necessary to reduce spending drastically.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

tie-in

n. a connection or association between two or more things; a promotional arrangement between two or more products, often to boost sales or increase brand recognition

synonym : connection, association, link

(1) promotional **tie-in**, (2) **tie-in** merchandise

The marketing campaign included a **tie-in** with a popular movie release.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

adjacent

adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

synonym : next, adjoining, neighboring

(1) **adjacent** to his house, (2) **adjacent** houses

Our country has military alliances with **adjacent** countries.

competition

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

synonym : contest, match, fight

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

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

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial

behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

innovative

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

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

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

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

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym: void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

collide

v. to hit something violently when moving

synonym: clash, slam, contradict

(1) **collide** head-on, (2) **collide** in midair

The interests of the two countries **collide**.

volume

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

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

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

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

pod

n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

synonym: capsule, seed case, husk

(1) escape **pod**, (2) cocoa **pod**

The **pod** of whales swam gracefully through the water.

cautiously

adv. in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger

synonym: carefully, warily, prudently

(1) **cautiously** optimistic, (2) proceed **cautiously**

He **cautiously** approached the cliff's edge, aware of the dangers of falling.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

brake

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

synonym: damper, restraint, check

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

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

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym: enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial

atmosphere

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

underground

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

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

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

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

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym : tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym : aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

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.

customs

n. the official department or agency that enforces the regulations, taxes, and duties related to the importation and exportation of goods; the duties, taxes, or tariffs imposed on imported or exported goods

synonym : duties, tariffs, taxes

(1) **customs** duty, (2) **customs** officer

I had to declare all my purchases at **customs** before entering the country.

patrol

n. the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

synonym: guard, watch, surveillance

(1) **patrol** car, (2) border **patrol**

The highway **patrol** officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

vibration

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

synonym: oscillation, fluctuation, reverberation

(1) protection against **vibration**, (2) sympathetic **vibration**

Vibration displaced part of the mechanism.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

detectable

adj. capable of being discovered or identified

synonym: perceptible, noticeable, observable

(1) a barely **detectable** change, (2) **detectable** by the human ear

The object is **detectable** at ultraviolet wavelengths.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

seismic

adj. relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration
synonym : seismic, tectonic, vibrational

(1) **seismic** activities, (2) a **seismic** center

Earthquakes produce two types of **seismic** waves.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else
synonym : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

machinery

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

synonym : apparatus, appliance, equipment

(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**

The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

autonomous

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

synonym: independent, self-governing, self-reliant

(1) development of **autonomous** vehicles, (2) an **autonomous** judiciary

Five of the six provinces will become **autonomous** regions under the new federal system of government.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

autonomy

n. the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

synonym: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency

(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**

Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

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.

persuade

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

synonym: convince, influence, sway

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

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

electrification

n. the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

(1) railway **electrification**, (2) **electrification** current

The village was excited about the **electrification** of their community, which would bring light to their homes.

manufacture

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

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

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

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

announce

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

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**
The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

automaker

n. a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles

synonym : carmaker, vehicle maker, automobilist

(1) Japanese **automaker**, (2) luxury **automaker**

The **automaker's** sales have increased by 10% this quarter, thanks to strong consumer demand.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

transit

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

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

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

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

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

dabble

v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

synonym: toy with, tinker with, play at

(1) **dabble** in a hobby, (2) **dabble** at French

They often **dabble** in new business ventures but only commit partially.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

pursue

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

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

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

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

fuel

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

synonym: energy, power, gas

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

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

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

synonym : reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

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?

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

autopilot

n. a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft

synonym : self-pilot, self-driving, self-navigating

(1) **autopilot** function, (2) aircraft **autopilot**

The airplane was on **autopilot** during the long flight.

radar

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

synonym : sonar, radiolocation

(1) **radar** air traffic control, (2) **radar** scanning

Radar systems cannot spot the submarine.

optical

adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and

techniques used in the study and application of light
synonym : visual, ocular

(1) new **optical** glasses, (2) **optical** fiber

The **optical** illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym : guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

neural

adj. of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

synonym : sensory, neuronic, nervous

(1) **neural** stem cells, (2) **neural** networks in AI

There was a disturbance of **neural** function.

superhuman

adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability

synonym : supernatural, inhuman, beyond human

(1) **superhuman** beings, (2) **superhuman** effort

The athlete's **superhuman** strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.

cross-country

adj. relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields

synonym : rural, remote, backcountry

(1) **cross-country** road trip, (2) **cross-country** skiing
We had to take a **cross-country** flight because no direct flights were available.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
synonym: guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation
The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym: armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

accumulate

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

synonym: amass, stash, earn

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

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

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

advanced technology.

confident

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

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

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

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

dynamic

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

synonym : energetic, active, vital

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

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

specific

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

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

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

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

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym : sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

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

game

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

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
synonym : lifespan, duration

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

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

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind

He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

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.

mitigate

v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

synonym : alleviate, relieve, reduce

(1) **mitigate** risk, (2) **mitigate** a natural disaster

Efforts to **mitigate** the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

appreciate

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

synonym :

acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

accident

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

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

threshold

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

synonym: anteroom, brink, verge

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

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

rely

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

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

hands-off

adj. characterized by a lack of interference, control, or involvement; allowing others to act or make decisions without interference

synonym: non-interventionist, passive, detached

(1) encourage a **hands-off** management style, (2) practice

hands-off parenting

The manager took a **hands-off** approach and let the team handle the project independently.

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.

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.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee;
(verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

synonym: rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym: sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

tease

v. to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

synonym: bully, annoy, provoke

(1) **tease** the children, (2) **tease** wool

This ad is intended to **tease** a competing product.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

long-range

adj. relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities

synonym: far-reaching, extended, distant

(1) **long-range** radar, (2) **long-range** weather forecast
The military uses **long-range** missiles to hit targets from far away.

heavy-duty

adj. designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work

synonym: tough, sturdy, durable

(1) **heavy-duty** equipment, (2) **heavy-duty** cleaning

The **heavy-duty** truck towed the broken-down car to the garage.

torque

n. a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;

synonym: twist, rotation, spin

(1) high **torque**, (2) **torque** settings

The mechanic used a **torque** wrench to tighten the bolts on the car engine.

diesel

n. a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel

(1) **diesel** engine, (2) **diesel** car

Nearly all tractors operate on **diesel** fuel.

tug

v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times

synonym: draw, jerk, pull

(1) **tug** a rope, (2) **tug** at his hand

This movie **tugs** at everyone's heartstrings.

uphill

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

synonym: skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym : actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

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

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

spry

adj. active and lively, especially in a nimble or agile way; showing quickness and agility despite age or physical condition

synonym : nimble, agile, lively

(1) **spry** movement, (2) **spry** elderly

The **spry** older man impressed everyone with his agility on the dance floor.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

nimble

adj. quick and light in movement or action

synonym : agile, quick, flexible

(1) **nimble** handling, (2) **nimble-minded** person

His **nimble** movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

vaporware

n. a product, typically software or hardware, that is heavily promoted or announced but never actually released or made available to the public

synonym :

paperware, imaginary product

(1) notorious **vaporware**, (2) overhyped **vaporware**

The highly anticipated video game turned out to be **vaporware**, as it was never actually released.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
synonym: crazy, insane, furious

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

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

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym: anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

housewife

n. a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties

synonym: homemaker, stay-at-home mom

(1) **housewife** duties, (2) prudent **housewife**

She is a full-time **housewife** who cares for her children and runs the household.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it

has been.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

driveway

n. a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles

synonym: entrance, access, approach

(1) long **driveway**, (2) snow-covered **driveway**

I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the **driveway** this morning.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym: accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror
You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

fine-grained

adj. characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions

synonym: detailed, intricate, precise

(1) **fine-grained** analysis, (2) **fine-grained** control

The **fine-grained** texture of the fabric made it incredibly soft to the touch.

louver

n. a window or door with horizontal slats that can be adjusted to allow light and air to pass through while preventing rain, direct sunlight, and sight of the interior

synonym: slat, blade, shutter

(1) horizontal **louver**, (2) **louver** door

The **louver** window allowed air to flow through the room while keeping out the rain.

helicopter

n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

synonym: chopper, copter, whirlybird

(1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

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.

no-brainer

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

(1) **no-brainer** product, (2) look like a **no-brainer**
The first question in the test was a complete **no-brainer**.

warranty

n. a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards

synonym: guarantee, assurance, pledge

(1) **warranty** claim, (2) extended **warranty**
The manufacturer's **warranty** on my new laptop is valid for one year.

infinity

n. the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number

synonym: endlessness, boundlessness, continuity

(1) the **infinity** of the universe, (2) negative **infinity**
That investor saw an **infinity** of possibilities in this company.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

introductory

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

synonym: beginning, preliminary, initial

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

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

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

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.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer
immediately

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

fast-forward

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

synonym: advance, hasten, speed up

(1) **fast-forward** 10 seconds, (2) **fast-forward** to the good part

I like to **fast-forward** through commercials when watching TV shows.

shift

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

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

capture

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

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

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**.

lithium

n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

synonym : lithy, Li, salt

(1) **lithium** carbonate, (2) **lithium** mining

Lithium-ion batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

ion

n. an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons

(1) **ion** channel, (2) rechargeable lithium- **ion** battery

The increased concentration of **ion** of hydrogen ions in an aqueous solution makes it more acidic.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

bet

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

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

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

I **bet** that you know it.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

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

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

competent

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

synonym : skilled, able, capable

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

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

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.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling

diamond.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

watt

n. a standard unit for measuring electrical power

(1) 30- **watt** light bulb, (2) **watt** per square meter

Several hectares of land are needed to generate more than 1-mega **watt** solar power.

strobe

n. a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals

synonym: flash, flicker

(1) **strobe** flash, (2) **strobe** effect

A **strobe** light lit up the party, creating a pulsing and energetic atmosphere.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead

guilty to the theft charge.

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.

fossil

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

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

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

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

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

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.

advisory

adj. giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance

synonym : consultative, recommendatory

(1) **advisory** committee, (2) environmental **advisory**

The travel agent provided **advisory** services to the clients.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym : board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym : lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

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.

immigration

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

synonym: migration, settlement, emigration

(1) **immigration** control, (2) **immigration** application

The **immigration** policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

agenda

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

synonym: program, schedule, list

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

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

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

ambitious

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

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

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

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

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

reuse

v. to use something again or more than once

synonym: reprocess, recycle, rehash

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

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

fin

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

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

booster

n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

synonym: promoter, supporter, advocate

(1) metabolism **booster**, (2) morale **booster**

The energy drink is marketed as a **booster** to help athletes perform better.

velocity

n. the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)

synonym: speed, rapidity, swiftness

(1) initial **velocity**, (2) high **velocity**

The **velocity** of the car was too fast for the road conditions.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

sped-up

adj. increased in speed; accelerated; made to move faster than normal or expected

synonym: accelerated, hastened, quickened

(1) **sped-up** playback, (2) **sped-up** animation

The **sped-up** video allowed us to analyze the athletes' movement patterns quickly.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym : practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

orbit

n. the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

synonym : path, course, trajectory

(1) the **orbit** of the moon, (2) a planetary **orbit**

The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into **orbit**.

relevance

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

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

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

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

aircraft

n. any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter

synonym : airplane, plane, airliner

(1) an **aircraft** landing, (2) **aircraft** control system

The marine **aircraft** manufacturer demonstrated their newest hydroplane.

in-between

adj. occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

synonym: intermediate, middleman, halfway

(1) **in-between** meals, (2) **in-between** stages

She enjoyed floating in the ocean's **in-between** zone where the waves met the shoreline

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed

skyscraper

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

thrust

v. to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

synonym: push, shove, prod

(1) **thrust** a dagger home, (2) **thrust** a plate away

The engine **thrust** the rocket into space.

configuration

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

synonym: arrangement, composition, formatting

(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**

The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly

with temperature.

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.

pound

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

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

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

equivalent

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

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

blazing

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

synonym : burning, fiery, scorching

(1) **blazing** fury, (2) **blazing** fire

The **blazing** sun beat down on the desert.

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

synonym : heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

cargo

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
synonym : shipment, freight, burden

(1) plenty of **cargo** space, (2) unload the **cargo**

During the war, many **cargo** ships were converted into battleships.

maximum

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

synonym : peak, top, highest

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

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

interplanetary

adj. relating to or occurring between planets, particularly regarding space travel or communication

synonym : interstellar, planetary, celestial

(1) **interplanetary** debris, (2) **interplanetary** exploration

Scientists are working on developing **interplanetary** travel to explore other planets in our solar system.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

aspiration

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

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

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

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

aggressive

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

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

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

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym : equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

spacecraft

n. a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments

synonym : spaceship, satellite, probe

(1) **spacecraft** launch, (2) alien **spacecraft**

The human-crewed **spacecraft** successfully landed on the moon, fulfilling its mission.

spaceship

n. (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

synonym : starship, rocket, spacecraft

(1) a **spaceship** to survey the moon, (2) alien **spaceship**

They launched a crewless **spaceship** into space.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym : exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym : attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

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.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

standpoint

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

synonym: viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

stream

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

synonym: flow, current, brook

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

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

accelerate

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

synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

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

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

necessity

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

synonym: need, essentiality, prerequisite

(1) in great **necessity**, (2) the **necessity** of the concrete measure

He emphasized the **necessity** of immediate action.

tautological

adj. characterized by repeating the same idea in different words or phrases; involving unnecessary repetition or redundancy

synonym : repetitive, redundant, circular

(1) **tautological** statement, (2) **tautological** reasoning

Saying "old antique" is **tautological** since antiques are already old by definition.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

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

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

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

advent

n. the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth

synonym : coming, arrival, approach

(1) **advent** calendar, (2) celebrate the **advent** of spring

The **advent** of the internet has dramatically changed the way we communicate.

spacefaring

n. the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space

synonym : space navigation, space exploration, spaceflight

(1) **spacefaring** nation, (2) the future of **spacefaring** exploration

Spacefaring technology has allowed us to explore the vast expanse of the universe.

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**.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

shuttle

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

synonym: ferry, transport, convey

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

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

retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

synonym: relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

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.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

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**.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

ancient

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

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

pyramid

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

synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

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

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

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

aqueduct

n. a structure constructed to carry water over a long distance, typically consisting of a series of arches or elevated channels supported by pillars or towers

synonym : conduit, canal, channel

(1) **aqueduct** system, (2) mountain **aqueduct**

The ancient Romans built an **aqueduct** to transport water to the city.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

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**.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**
Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

telepathy

n. the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

synonym : mind-reading, esp, thought transference

(1) **telepathy** test, (2) **telepathy** experiment

The comic book hero had a **telepathy** power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

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

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

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

genuine

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

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

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

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym: crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
2. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
3. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
4. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
5. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
6. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
7. cu_____s officer *n.* the official department or agency that enforces the regulations, taxes, and duties related to the importation and exportation of goods; the duties, taxes, or tariffs imposed on imported or exported goods
8. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 1. intent, 2. insane, 3. visualize, 4. utility, 5. achieve, 6. absolutely, 7. customs, 8. evolve

9. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
10. co____e in midair *v.* to hit something violently when moving
11. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
12. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
13. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
14. the in____ty of the universe *n.* the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
15. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
16. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
17. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
18. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
19. modern el____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 9. degrade, 10. collide, 11. urban, 12. poverty, 13. largely, 14. infinity, 15. bias, 16. blur, 17. equivalent, 18. sensitive, 19. elevator

20. a fo___l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
21. burning of fo___l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
22. se___e him into crime *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
23. extreme ca____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
24. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
25. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
26. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
27. lon____ge radar *adj.* relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities
28. no-____er product *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

ANSWERS: 20. fossil, 21. fossil, 22. seduce, 23. caution, 24. grid, 25. depth, 26. distance, 27. long-range, 28. no-brainer

29. det _____le by the human ear *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
30. ro ___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
31. the so __r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
32. a mi _____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
33. pa _____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
34. positive feedback l __p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
35. cro _____try skiing *adj.* relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields
36. da ___e in a hobby *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

ANSWERS: 29. detectable, 30. rocket, 31. solar, 32. military, 33. patient, 34. loop, 35. cross-country, 36. dabble

37. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
38. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
39. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
40. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
41. sn___l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
42. c___e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
43. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
44. an up___l road *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
45. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
46. look like a no-_____er *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
47. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
48. th___t a plate away *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing

ANSWERS: 37. mention, 38. victory, 39. approximately, 40. delivery, 41. snail, 42. core, 43. traffic, 44. uphill, 45. horrible, 46. no-brainer, 47. maximum, 48. thrust

49. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
50. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
51. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
52. ra__r scanning *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
53. improve hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
54. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
55. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
56. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
57. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
58. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
59. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
60. horizontal lo____r *n.* a window or door with horizontal slats that can be adjusted to allow light and air to pass through while preventing rain, direct sunlight, and sight of the interior

ANSWERS: 49. feat, 50. eventually, 51. smashing, 52. radar, 53. hundredfold, 54. aggressive, 55. initially, 56. illustrate, 57. obvious, 58. accumulate, 59. anxiety, 60. louver

61. di___l car *n.* a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel
62. alien sp_____ip *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
63. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
64. se_____ss device connectivity *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
65. notorious va_____re *n.* a product, typically software or hardware, that is heavily promoted or announced but never actually released or made available to the public
66. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
67. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
68. ho_____fe duties *n.* a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties
69. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
70. fas_____ard to the good part *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
71. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 61. diesel, 62. spaceship, 63. probable, 64. seamless, 65. vaporware, 66. attempt, 67. nation, 68. housewife, 69. incredibly, 70. fast-forward, 71. inevitable

72. high ve____ty *n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
73. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
74. vo____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
75. ai_____ft control system *n.* any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter
76. au_____ot function *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
77. wa_____ty claim *n.* a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards
78. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
79. social rei_____ent *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
80. s__y elderly *adj.* active and lively, especially in a nimble or agile way; showing quickness and agility despite age or physical condition

ANSWERS: 72. velocity, 73. underneath, 74. volume, 75. aircraft, 76. autopilot, 77. warranty, 78. council, 79. reinforcement, 80. spry

81. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
82. a sp_____ip to survey the moon *n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
83. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
84. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
85. int_____ory biology text *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
86. self-suf_____nt economy *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
87. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
88. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
89. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
90. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 81. transport, 82. spaceship, 83. largely, 84. tap, 85. introductory, 86. sufficient, 87. probable, 88. degree, 89. frame, 90. achieve

91. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
92. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
93. co_____t a highway *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
94. overhyped va_____re *n.* a product, typically software or hardware, that is heavily promoted or announced but never actually released or made available to the public
95. un___l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
96. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
97. a se_____c center *adj.* relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration
98. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
99. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
100. imm_____on control *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
101. prudent ho_____fe *n.* a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties

ANSWERS: 91. excite, 92. frame, 93. congest, 94. vaporware, 95. unveil, 96. exclusive, 97. seismic, 98. horrible, 99. illustrate, 100. immigration, 101. housewife

102. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
103. complete no____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
104. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
105. snow-covered dr_____ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
106. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
107. da___e at French *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
108. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
109. pray to the sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
110. f___e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
111. py_____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 102. seal, 103. normally, 104. confident, 105. driveway, 106. appreciate, 107. dabble, 108. continent, 109. savior, 110. flee, 111. pyramid

112. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
113. rechargeable lithium-i_n battery *n.* an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons
114. cau_____ly optimistic *adv.* in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger
115. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
116. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
117. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
118. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
119. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
120. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
121. an up___l task *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
122. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 112. stretch, 113. ion, 114. cautiously, 115. visual, 116. pyramid, 117. definitely, 118. fellow, 119. incredible, 120. pet, 121. uphill, 122. maneuver

123. 30-w__t light bulb *n.* a standard unit for measuring electrical power
124. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
125. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
126. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
127. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
128. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
129. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
130. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
131. a pre_____on program *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
132. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
133. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

ANSWERS: 123. watt, 124. traditionally, 125. trend, 126. medium, 127. guilty, 128. motor, 129. nation, 130. interface, 131. preparation, 132. affordable, 133. prototype

134. ad____nt to his house *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
135. preserve my gr____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
136. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
137. a fl__t horse *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
138. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
139. lon_____ge weather forecast *adj.* relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities
140. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
141. ar_____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
142. spa_____ng nation *n.* the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space
143. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 134. adjacent, 135. gravity, 136. roll, 137. fleet, 138. musky, 139. long-range, 140. flee, 141. arbitrary, 142. spacefaring, 143. appreciate

144. spa_____ft launch *n.* a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments
145. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
146. luxury au_____er *n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles
147. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
148. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
149. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
150. hea_____ty cleaning *adj.* designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work
151. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
152. re___e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
153. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
154. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 144. spacecraft, 145. maximum, 146. automaker, 147. bizarre, 148. encourage, 149. musky, 150. heavy-duty, 151. pound, 152. retire, 153. steer, 154. electrify

155. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
156. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
157. hea_____ty equipment *adj.* designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work
158. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
159. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
160. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
161. st___e effect *n.* a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals
162. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
163. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 155. obvious, 156. device, 157. heavy-duty, 158. appealing, 159. circumstance, 160. planet, 161. strobe, 162. solar, 163. inspire

164. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
165. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
166. su____y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
167. an ex____s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
168. a particle di_____er *n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
169. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
170. feel a bit gu____y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
171. the price went up sub_____lly *adv.* to a great extent or degree
172. co____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
173. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
174. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 164. eventually, 165. desire, 166. subway, 167. excess, 168. diameter, 169. AI, 170. guilty, 171. substantially, 172. consist, 173. complexity, 174. bunch

175. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
176. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
177. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
178. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
179. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
180. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
181. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
182. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
183. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
184. op_____l fiber *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
185. di_____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 175. fabric, 176. emergency, 177. boring, 178. enormous, 179. crazy, 180. frequent, 181. lane, 182. unlikely, 183. infinite, 184. optical, 185. diamond

186. establish au____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
187. security in____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
188. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
189. cro_____try road trip *adj.* relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields
190. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
191. the or__t of the moon *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
192. mi____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
193. 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

ANSWERS: 186. autonomy, 187. incident, 188. relative, 189. cross-country, 190. roughly, 191. orbit, 192. mitigate, 193. disrupt

194. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
195. metabolism bo_____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
196. vi_____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
197. an_____ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
198. rise nearly hun_____ld *adj.* a hundred times as great or as much
199. int_____ary debris *adj.* relating to or occurring between planets, particularly regarding space travel or communication
200. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
201. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
202. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
203. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
204. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

ANSWERS: 194. beneath, 195. booster, 196. victory, 197. annoying, 198. hundredfold, 199. interplanetary, 200. collapse, 201. pursue, 202. align, 203. device, 204. magnitude

205. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
206. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
207. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
208. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
209. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
210. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
211. mass tr_____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
212. t_g a rope *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
213. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
214. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
215. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 205. genuine, 206. highway, 207. statistics, 208. distance, 209. drone, 210. dare, 211. transit, 212. tug, 213. innovative, 214. ancient, 215. continent

216. absolutely fa_____ic event	<i>adj.</i> extremely good; excellent
217. feel co_____nt	<i>adj.</i> feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
218. tr_____rt facilities	<i>n.</i> a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
219. ambitious ag___a	<i>n.</i> a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
220. ir___c result	<i>adj.</i> using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
221. f__e police officer	<i>adj.</i> not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
222. the tr__d away from television	<i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing
223. gets m_d easily	<i>adj.</i> insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
224. a h_b of commerce	<i>n.</i> the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
225. mi_____te a natural disaster	<i>v.</i> to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
226. official sta_____cs	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 216. fantastic, 217. confident, 218. transport, 219. agenda, 220. ironic, 221. fake, 222. trend, 223. mad, 224. hub, 225. mitigate, 226. statistics

227. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
228. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
229. fin_____ned analysis *adj.* characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions
230. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
231. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
232. te__e the children *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
233. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
234. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
235. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
236. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
237. el_____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 227. shrink, 228. bet, 229. fine-grained, 230. beneath, 231. specific, 232. tease, 233. afford, 234. poverty, 235. fabric, 236. automatically, 237. elevator

238. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
239. commercial le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
240. 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
241. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
242. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
243. long dr_____ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
244. unload the ca__o *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
245. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 238. curve, 239. lease, 240. decide, 241. integrate, 242. prototype, 243. driveway, 244. cargo, 245. inspiration

246. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
247. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
248. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
249. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
250. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
251. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
252. lose ex___s weight *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
253. se_____c activities *adj.* relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration
254. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
255. sympathetic vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
256. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
257. re__e existing knowledge *v.* to use something again or more than once

ANSWERS: 246. jack, 247. configuration, 248. desperate, 249. emergency, 250. shift, 251. mar, 252. excess, 253. seismic, 254. rely, 255. vibration, 256. align, 257. reuse

258. tu___l disease	<i>n.</i> an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
259. internal com_____on engine	<i>n.</i> the act or process of burning something
260. ra__r air traffic control	<i>n.</i> a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
261. awe-in_____ng sight	<i>adj.</i> stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
262. ess_____ly correct	<i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
263. attempt to pe_____de	<i>v.</i> to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
264. r__l a ball	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
265. ad___t calendar	<i>n.</i> the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
266. tra_____lly sung at a banquet	<i>adv.</i> in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
267. hi_____y system	<i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
268. in direct su_____ht	<i>n.</i> the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
269. sk__e park	<i>n.</i> a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

ANSWERS: 258. tunnel, 259. combustion, 260. radar, 261. inspiring, 262. essentially, 263. persuade, 264. roll, 265. advent, 266. traditionally, 267. highway, 268. sunlight, 269. skate

270. ni___e handling	<i>adj.</i> quick and light in movement or action
271. no___y party	<i>adj.</i> making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
272. ine_____le changes of the seasons	<i>adj.</i> certain to happen and unavoidable
273. d___e not go	<i>v.</i> to have the courage to do something
274. roller sk___e	<i>n.</i> a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
275. he was en_____ly to blame	<i>adv.</i> completely
276. th_____l insulation	<i>adj.</i> relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
277. back f_n	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
278. a tr_____t visa	<i>n.</i> the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
279. ex_____ng football player	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement
280. an endless st___m of cars	<i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
281. pl___t like the Earth	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 270. nimble, 271. noisy, 272. inevitable, 273. dare, 274. skate, 275. entirely, 276. thermal, 277. fin, 278. transit, 279. exciting, 280. stream, 281. planet

282. va___m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
283. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
284. ad_____nt houses *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
285. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
286. ti___n merchandise *n.* a connection or association between two or more things; a promotional arrangement between two or more products, often to boost sales or increase brand recognition
287. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
288. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
289. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
290. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
291. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

ANSWERS: 282. vacuum, 283. inherent, 284. adjacent, 285. exciting, 286. tie-in, 287. accelerate, 288. encourage, 289. dynamic, 290. desperate, 291. rub

292. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
293. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
294. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
295. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
296. steel-framed sky_____er *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
297. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
298. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
299. environmental ad_____ry *adj.* giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance
300. lo____r door *n.* a window or door with horizontal slats that can be adjusted to allow light and air to pass through while preventing rain, direct sunlight, and sight of the interior
301. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
302. re___e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
303. ven_____on system *n.* the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building
304. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

ANSWERS: 292. suppose, 293. manufacture, 294. climate, 295. consist, 296. skyscraper, 297. density, 298. motor, 299. advisory, 300. louver, 301. mar, 302. retire, 303. ventilation, 304. caution

305. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
306. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
307. a line-in j__k *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
308. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
309. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
310. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
311. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
312. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
313. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
314. con_____ion of the system *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

ANSWERS: 305. pursue, 306. seal, 307. jack, 308. inevitably, 309. instrument, 310. underground, 311. entirely, 312. fuel, 313. degree, 314. configuration

315. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
316. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
317. an_____ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
318. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
319. high vo_____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
320. co_____e head-on *v.* to hit something violently when moving
321. sta_____nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
322. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
323. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
324. protection against vi_____on *n.* a continuous quick and slight shaking movement
325. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
326. regional au_____my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

ANSWERS: 315. threshold, 316. ancient, 317. annoying, 318. remarkable, 319. volume, 320. collide, 321. standpoint, 322. ambition, 323. unlikely, 324. vibration, 325. quarter, 326. autonomy

327. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
328. new op_____l glasses *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
329. escape p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
330. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
331. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
332. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
333. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
334. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
335. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
336. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 327. rely, 328. optical, 329. pod, 330. accident, 331. lane, 332. electrify, 333. chamber, 334. desire, 335. fake, 336. weird

337. promotional ti___n *n.* a connection or association between two or more things; a promotional arrangement between two or more products, often to boost sales or increase brand recognition
338. al_____te stress *v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
339. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
340. un___l a comprehensive plan *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
341. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
342. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
343. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
344. bl_____g fury *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
345. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
346. to___e settings *n.* a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;

ANSWERS: 337. tie-in, 338. alleviate, 339. affordable, 340. unveil, 341. instrument, 342. absorb, 343. tap, 344. blazing, 345. magnitude, 346. torque

347. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
348. di_____er of an oval *n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference
349. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
350. 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
351. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
352. in-_____en stages *adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
353. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
354. co_____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
355. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
356. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 347. intern, 348. diameter, 349. typical, 350. argue, 351. insane, 352. in-between, 353. announce, 354. competent, 355. locate, 356. climate

357. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
358. enable se_____ss access *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
359. a barely det_____le change *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
360. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
361. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
362. extended wa_____ty *n.* a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards
363. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
364. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
365. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
366. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
367. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 357. probabilistic, 358. seamless, 359. detectable, 360. noisy, 361. immediately, 362. warranty, 363. norm, 364. complexity, 365. vast, 366. bullet, 367. evolve

368. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
369. int_____ary exploration *adj.* relating to or occurring between planets, particularly regarding space travel or communication
370. practice ha_____ff parenting *adj.* characterized by a lack of interference, control, or involvement; allowing others to act or make decisions without interference
371. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
372. tau_____cal reasoning *adj.* characterized by repeating the same idea in different words or phrases; involving unnecessary repetition or redundancy
373. mountain aq_____ct *n.* a structure constructed to carry water over a long distance, typically consisting of a series of arches or elevated channels supported by pillars or towers
374. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
375. political sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
376. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 368. aspiration, 369. interplanetary, 370. hands-off, 371. ambitious, 372. tautological, 373. aqueduct, 374. depth, 375. savior, 376. dynamic

377. metal gui_____ne *n.* a machine or device used for beheading, typically consisting of a tall upright frame with a suspended angled blade that is released to fall and sever the victim's head from their body; a method or process that produces swift and decisive action or change
378. the attraction of gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
379. tu____l construction work *n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
380. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
381. biomass f____l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
382. re____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
383. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
384. as____p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
385. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
386. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 377. guillotine, 378. gravity, 379. tunnel, 380. develop, 381. fuel, 382. resist, 383. typical, 384. asleep, 385. ambitious, 386. fin

387. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
388. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
389. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
390. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
391. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
392. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
393. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 387. AI, 388. threshold, 389. contribution, 390. basis, 391. loop, 392. branch, 393. amazing

394. de____e my love
v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
395. the in____al economy
adj. of or relating to the inside of something
396. yield cu__e
n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
397. bi____e behavior
adj. very strange or unusual
398. a wire g__d
n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
399. sn__l mail
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
400. na____te through a document
v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
401. bo___g day
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
402. fr____nt absence
adj. happening constantly
403. ba____y charging
n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
404. sh____e service
n. a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
405. ar__e passionately
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 394. declare, 395. internal, 396. curve, 397. bizarre, 398. grid, 399. snail, 400. navigate, 401. boring, 402. frequent, 403. battery, 404. shuttle, 405. argue

406. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
407. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
408. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
409. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
410. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
411. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
412. a con_____us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
413. an aut_____us judiciary *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
414. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
415. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
416. ni___e-minded person *adj.* quick and light in movement or action
417. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

ANSWERS: 406. hub, 407. reinforce, 408. distract, 409. skyscraper, 410. decide, 411. giant, 412. continuous, 413. autonomous, 414. genuine, 415. ambition, 416. nimble, 417. appealing

418. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
419. telephone ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
420. long-term le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
421. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
422. ne___l stem cells *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
423. a planetary or__t *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
424. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 418. inevitably, 419. extension, 420. lease, 421. destroy, 422. neural, 423. orbit, 424. amazing

425. ut____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
426. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
427. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
428. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
429. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
430. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
431. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
432. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
433. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
434. in great ne_____ty *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
435. an ai_____ft landing *n.* any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter

ANSWERS: 425. utility, 426. relevance, 427. combine, 428. vary, 429. stack, 430. circumstance, 431. accelerate, 432. optimistic, 433. incredibly, 434. necessity, 435. aircraft

436. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
437. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
438. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
439. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
440. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
441. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
442. in_____ng stories *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
443. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
444. re_____al of the claims *n.* a response or argument that opposes or counters a previous statement or claim; a refutation or denial of the validity of an argument or claim
445. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
446. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

ANSWERS: 436. maneuver, 437. navigate, 438. mad, 439. stack, 440. motivation, 441. progression, 442. inspiring, 443. council, 444. rebuttal, 445. enormous, 446. underground

447. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
448. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
449. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
450. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
451. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
452. sp_____p animation *adj.* increased in speed; accelerated; made to move faster than normal or expected
453. the st_____m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
454. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
455. the in_____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
456. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 447. urban, 448. capture, 449. anxiety, 450. straightforward, 451. traffic, 452. sped-up, 453. stream, 454. contribution, 455. intent, 456. feat

457. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
458. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
459. te_____hy test *n.* the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses
460. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
461. telescopic vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
462. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
463. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
464. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
465. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
466. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
467. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 457. integrate, 458. accident, 459. telepathy, 460. improve, 461. vision, 462. automatically, 463. replace, 464. destroy, 465. giant, 466. smashing, 467. branch

468. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
469. sup_____an beings *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
470. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
471. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
472. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
473. ad___t a schedule *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
474. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
475. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
476. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 468. drone, 469. superhuman, 470. distract, 471. engine, 472. stretch, 473. adjust, 474. rocket, 475. accumulate, 476. attempt

477. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
478. suf_____nt time *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
479. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
480. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
481. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
482. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
483. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
484. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
485. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
486. rei_____ent of beliefs *n.* the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support
487. pro_____tic model *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
488. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

ANSWERS: 477. afford, 478. sufficient, 479. crazy, 480. density, 481. aspiration, 482. definitely, 483. roughly, 484. blur, 485. locate, 486. reinforcement, 487. probabilistic, 488. motivation

489. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
490. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
491. ele_____ion current *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;
492. 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
493. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
494. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
495. cu_____s duty *n.* the official department or agency that enforces the regulations, taxes, and duties related to the importation and exportation of goods; the duties, taxes, or tariffs imposed on imported or exported goods
496. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
497. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 489. massive, 490. fundamental, 491. electrification, 492. economical, 493. improvisation, 494. inherent, 495. customs, 496. industrious, 497. gear

498. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
499. l_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
500. the house was sub_____lly built *adv.* to a great extent or degree
501. ba___s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
502. al_____te anxiety *v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
503. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
504. de___t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
505. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
506. cocoa p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
507. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
508. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

ANSWERS: 498. agenda, 499. lax, 500. substantially, 501. basis, 502. alleviate, 503. fleet, 504. detect, 505. secondhand, 506. pod, 507. competent, 508. vision

509. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
510. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
511. di____l engine *n.* a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel
512. a glare of su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
513. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
514. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
515. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
516. inactive ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
517. aircraft au_____ot *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
518. in-_____en meals *adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
519. re_____al to the argument *n.* a response or argument that opposes or counters a previous statement or claim; a refutation or denial of the validity of an argument or claim

ANSWERS: 509. sensitive, 510. reinforce, 511. diesel, 512. sunlight, 513. arbitrary, 514. economics, 515. improvisation, 516. machinery, 517. autopilot, 518. in-between, 519. rebuttal

520. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
521. se____e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
522. fas____ard 10 seconds *v.* to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording
523. co____t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
524. police hel____er *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
525. morale bo____r *n.* something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something
526. sus____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
527. the ne____ty of the concrete measure *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

ANSWERS: 520. develop, 521. seduce, 522. fast-forward, 523. congest, 524. helicopter, 525. booster, 526. sustainable, 527. necessity

528. br__e pedal *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
529. de____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
530. pe____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
531. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
532. sp____p playback *adj.* increased in speed; accelerated; made to move faster than normal or expected
533. principles of sus____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
534. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
535. pro____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
536. con____us improvement *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
537. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
538. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

ANSWERS: 528. brake, 529. declare, 530. persuade, 531. industrious, 532. sped-up, 533. sustainable, 534. toll, 535. progression, 536. continuous, 537. innovative, 538. bet

539. de____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
540. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
541. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
542. sup_____an effort *adj.* possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
543. space sh_____e *n.* a vehicle or boat that regularly moves between two places; bobbin that passes the weft thread between the warp threads
544. s__y movement *adj.* active and lively, especially in a nimble or agile way; showing quickness and agility despite age or physical condition
545. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
546. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
547. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
548. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
549. tau_____cal statement *adj.* characterized by repeating the same idea in different words or phrases; involving unnecessary repetition or redundancy

ANSWERS: 539. depress, 540. absolutely, 541. equivalent, 542. superhuman, 543. shuttle, 544. spry, 545. immediately, 546. machinery, 547. underneath, 548. absorb, 549. tautological

550. negative in_____ty *n.* the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number
551. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
552. gui_____ne blade *n.* a machine or device used for beheading, typically consisting of a tall upright frame with a suspended angled blade that is released to fall and sever the victim's head from their body; a method or process that produces swift and decisive action or change
553. ad_____ry committee *adj.* giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance
554. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
555. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
556. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
557. fin_____ned control *adj.* characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions
558. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 550. infinity, 551. incredible, 552. guillotine, 553. advisory, 554. shift, 555. economical, 556. release, 557. fine-grained, 558. intern

559. hyper-ven_____on syndrome *n.* the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building
560. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
561. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
562. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
563. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
564. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
565. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
566. va___m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
567. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
568. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
569. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

ANSWERS: 559. ventilation, 560. incident, 561. manufacture, 562. core, 563. vary, 564. release, 565. adjust, 566. vacuum, 567. ironic, 568. delivery, 569. optimistic

570. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
571. product int_____ory sale *adj.* intended as an introduction or preliminary; serving as a base or starting point
572. celebrate the ad____t of spring *n.* the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
573. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
574. the future of spa_____ng exploration *n.* the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space
575. w__t per square meter *n.* a standard unit for measuring electrical power
576. te__e wool *v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing
577. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
578. pa___l car *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

ANSWERS: 570. lifetime, 571. introductory, 572. advent, 573. economics, 574. spacefaring, 575. watt, 576. tease, 577. fantastic, 578. patrol

579. aq____ct system *n.* a structure constructed to carry water over a long distance, typically consisting of a series of arches or elevated channels supported by pillars or towers
580. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
581. have no re____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
582. border pa____l *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
583. me____m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
584. th____t a dagger home *v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
585. plenty of ca__o space *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
586. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
587. di____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 579. aqueduct, 580. announce, 581. relevance, 582. patrol, 583. medium, 584. thrust, 585. cargo, 586. pet, 587. diamond

588. t_g at his hand *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
589. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
590. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
591. alien spa_____ft *n.* a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments
592. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
593. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
594. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once
595. railway ele_____ion *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;
596. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
597. i_n channel *n.* an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons

ANSWERS: 588. tug, 589. fellow, 590. quarter, 591. spacecraft, 592. norm, 593. lifetime, 594. reuse, 595. electrification, 596. atmosphere, 597. ion

598. in_____al organs	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the inside of something
599. fun_____al education	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
600. re_____e one word with another	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
601. app_____ely same	<i>adv.</i> close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
602. the user in_____ce	<i>n.</i> (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
603. get ins_____on from nature	<i>n.</i> something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
604. industry-sp_____ic regulations	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
605. the pre_____on of meals	<i>n.</i> the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
606. an air-cooled en_____e	<i>n.</i> a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
607. hel_____er ride	<i>n.</i> a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 598. internal, 599. fundamental, 600. replace, 601. approximately, 602. interface, 603. inspiration, 604. specific, 605. preparation, 606. engine, 607. helicopter

608. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
609. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
610. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
611. rapid transit su____y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
612. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
613. se_____al analysis *adj.* relating to or based on a particular section or division, often referring to a specific geographic area, group, or segment; characterized by divisions or separations
614. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
615. st____e flash *n.* a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals
616. li_____m mining *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

ANSWERS: 608. remarkable, 609. relative, 610. aggressive, 611. subway, 612. competition, 613. sectional, 614. brain, 615. strobe, 616. lithium

617. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
618. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
619. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
620. spontaneous com_____on *n.* the act or process of burning something
621. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
622. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
623. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
624. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
625. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
626. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
627. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 617. secondhand, 618. infinite, 619. pound, 620. combustion, 621. depress, 622. degrade, 623. atmosphere, 624. steer, 625. bias, 626. comparison, 627. normally

628. time ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
629. bu___t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
630. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
631. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
632. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
633. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
634. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
635. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
636. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
637. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 628. extension, 629. bullet, 630. patient, 631. chamber, 632. visualize, 633. collapse, 634. weird, 635. competition, 636. straightforward, 637. inspire

638. li_____m carbonate *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
639. apply the br___e *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
640. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
641. bl_____g fire *adj.* burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive
642. moral sta_____nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
643. Japanese au_____er *n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles
644. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
645. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
646. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
647. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
648. initial ve_____ty *n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)
649. permanent br___n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 638. lithium, 639. brake, 640. improve, 641. blazing, 642. standpoint, 643. automaker, 644. detect, 645. initially, 646. bunch, 647. massive, 648. velocity, 649. brain

650. development of aut_____us vehicles	<i>adj.</i> capable of governing or controlling its affairs
651. dead as____p	<i>adj.</i> in a state of sleep
652. imm_____on application	<i>n.</i> the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
653. field of vi____l arts	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
654. te_____hy experiment	<i>n.</i> the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses
655. me_____n name	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
656. sh____k with fear	<i>v.</i> to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
657. a mi_____ry leader	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
658. ca_____e a glimpse	<i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
659. re____t being kissed	<i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
660. th_____l energy	<i>adj.</i> relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
661. proceed cau_____ly	<i>adv.</i> in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger

ANSWERS: 650. autonomous, 651. asleep, 652. immigration, 653. visual, 654. telepathy, 655. mention, 656. shrink, 657. military, 658. capture, 659. resist, 660. thermal, 661. cautiously

662. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
663. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
664. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
665. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
666. 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
667. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
668. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
669. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
670. encourage a ha_____ff management style *adj.* characterized by a lack of interference, control, or involvement; allowing others to act or make decisions without interference
671. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
672. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 662. comparison, 663. essentially, 664. combine, 665. suppose, 666. disrupt, 667. rub, 668. excite, 669. toll, 670. hands-off, 671. battery, 672. gear

673. high to___e *n.* a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;
674. l_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
675. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
676. se_____al couch *adj.* relating to or based on a particular section or division, often referring to a specific geographic area, group, or segment; characterized by divisions or separations
677. ne___l networks in AI *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
678. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 673. torque, 674. lax, 675. exclusive, 676. sectional, 677. neural, 678. vast

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The third _____ was far more successful.
n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
2. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.
n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
3. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
4. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
5. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
6. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
7. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
8. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

ANSWERS: 1. attempt, 2. excess, 3. evolved, 4. beneath, 5. adjust, 6. agenda, 7. relevance, 8. chambers

9. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

10. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

11. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

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

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

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

13. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

14. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.

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

15. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

16. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 9. fundamental, 10. skate, 11. underground, 12. streams, 13. typical, 14. transit, 15. bias, 16. stretch

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

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

18. The ancient Romans built an _____ to transport water to the city.

n. a structure constructed to carry water over a long distance, typically consisting of a series of arches or elevated channels supported by pillars or towers

19. The first question in the test was a complete _____.

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

20. The president declared a state of _____.

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

21. Several hectares of land are needed to generate more than 1-mega_____ solar power.

n. a standard unit for measuring electrical power

22. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

23. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

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

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

ANSWERS: 17. maximum, 18. aqueduct, 19. no-brainer, 20. emergency, 21. watt, 22. sealed, 23. replace, 24. lane

25. I've included the two designs for a _____.
- n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
26. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
- v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
27. The heavy snow has been _____ since last morning.
- adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
28. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
29. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.
- n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
30. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
- adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
31. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
32. The _____ imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.
- adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
33. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.
- n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

ANSWERS: 25. comparison, 26. detected, 27. continuous, 28. remarkable, 29. subway, 30. infinite, 31. motors, 32. thermal, 33. machinery

34. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

35. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

36. They often _____ in new business ventures but only commit partially.

- v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

37. The mechanic used a _____ wrench to tighten the bolts on the car engine.

- n.* a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;

38. The sponge _____ water well.

- v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

39. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

- n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

40. The object is _____ at ultraviolet wavelengths.

- adj.* capable of being discovered or identified

41. _____ technology has allowed us to explore the vast expanse of the universe.

- n.* the act or practice of traveling or exploring outer space, typically to advance scientific knowledge, develop new technologies, or establish a human presence beyond Earth; the ability to travel and explore space

ANSWERS: 34. interned, 35. navigate, 36. dabble, 37. torque, 38. absorbs, 39. motivation, 40. detectable, 41. Spacefaring

42. She waited for her daughter with _____.
- n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
43. Saying "old antique" is _____ since antiques are already old by definition.
- adj.* characterized by repeating the same idea in different words or phrases; involving unnecessary repetition or redundancy
44. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
45. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.
- adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
46. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
47. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
48. His heartaches are less _____ now.
- adj.* happening constantly
49. The marketing campaign included a _____ with a popular movie release.
- n.* a connection or association between two or more things; a promotional arrangement between two or more products, often to boost sales or increase brand recognition

ANSWERS: 42. anxiety, 43. tautological, 44. Climate, 45. Traditionally, 46. delivery, 47. instrument, 48. frequent, 49. tie-in

50. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

51. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

52. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

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

53. 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

54. The energy drink is marketed as a _____ to help athletes perform better.

n. something or someone that supports, promotes, or enhances; a device or substance that improves the performance or effectiveness of something

55. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

56. That investor saw an _____ of possibilities in this company.

n. the state or quality of having no end or limit; (mathematics) a number greater than any natural number

57. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 50. urban, 51. patient's, 52. aggressive, 53. economical, 54. booster, 55. affordable, 56. infinity, 57. collapsed

58. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.
n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
59. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
60. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
61. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
62. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
63. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
64. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.
n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
65. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 58. interface, 59. pounds, 60. drone, 61. cores, 62. poverty, 63. sensitive, 64. maneuver, 65. massive

66. Taking ibuprofen can _____ the pain from a headache.
v. to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
67. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.
adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
68. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
69. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
70. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
71. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.
adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else
72. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
73. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 66. alleviate, 67. inspiring, 68. intent, 69. distance, 70. excited, 71. secondhand, 72. skyscraper, 73. eventually

74. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

75. _____ displaced part of the mechanism.

n. a continuous quick and slight shaking movement

76. The wall was strengthened with the _____ of heavy steel beams.

n. the act of strengthening, supporting, or consolidating; something that serves to strengthen or support

77. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

78. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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

79. The travel agent provided _____ services to the clients.

adj. giving advice or suggestions on a particular matter; having the function of providing recommendations or guidance

80. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of _____.

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

81. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

ANSWERS: 74. medium, 75. Vibration, 76. reinforcement, 77. enormous, 78. fins, 79. advisory, 80. AI, 81. unlikely

82. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

83. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

84. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

adv. without needing a direct human control

85. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together;
to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

86. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

87. The increased concentrat___ of hydrogen ions in an aqueous solution makes it more acidic.

n. an atom or molecule that has a positive or negative electrical charge caused by its losing or gained one or more electrons

88. The company plans to _____ its new product at the trade show next week.

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

89. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

90. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 82. exciting, 83. inherent, 84. automatically, 85. integrate, 86. smashing, 87. ion, 88. unveil, 89. definitely, 90. absolutely

91. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

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

92. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

93. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

94. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.

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

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

96. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

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

97. This movie _____ at everyone's heartstrings.

v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times

98. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 91. dynamic, 92. contribution, 93. extension, 94. accumulated, 95. fantastic, 96. aspiration, 97. tugs, 98. encouraged

99. Efforts to _____ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.
- v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
100. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
101. Earthquakes produce two types of _____ waves.
- adj.* relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration
102. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
- n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
103. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
- adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
104. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
105. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
- n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
106. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
107. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

ANSWERS: 99. mitigate, 100. giant, 101. seismic, 102. diamond, 103. insane, 104. largely, 105. sunlight, 106. optimistic, 107. visualize

108. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
109. 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
110. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers
- adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
111. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
112. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.
- n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
113. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
114. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
- v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

ANSWERS: 108. inspiration, 109. argue, 110. appealing, 111. depressed, 112. configuration, 113. engine, 114. congested

115. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

116. _____ systems cannot spot the submarine.

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

117. She intends to _____ a political career.

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

118. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

119. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

120. 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

121. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

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

122. The _____ illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

ANSWERS: 115. ambition, 116. Radar, 117. pursue, 118. straightforward, 119. distract, 120. decide, 121. manufactured, 122. optical

123. This ad is intended to _____ a competing product.

- v.* to make fun of someone or make jokes about them, either in a playful way or to upset them; to separate the fibers of something; to ruffle a person's or animal's hair by combing

124. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

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

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

126. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.

- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

127. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.

- v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

128. _____ of the people grew until the revolt was unavoidable.

- n.* the act or process of burning something

129. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

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

130. The results of that election put a _____ on political reform.

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

ANSWERS: 123. tease, 124. utility, 125. equivalent, 126. bullet, 127. aligned, 128. Combustion, 129. rely, 130. brake

131. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

132. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

133. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

134. The interests of the two countries _____.

v. to hit something violently when moving

135. The manager took a _____ approach and let the team handle the project independently.

adj. characterized by a lack of interference, control, or involvement; allowing others to act or make decisions without interference

136. The _____ texture of the fabric made it incredibly soft to the touch.

adj. characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions

137. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

138. The _____ sun beat down on the desert.

adj. burning and emitting intense heat and light; powerful and impressive

ANSWERS: 131. declared, 132. economics, 133. prototype, 134. collide, 135. hands-off, 136. fine-grained, 137. circumstances, 138. blazing

139. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

140. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

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

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

142. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

143. The _____ class was designed to give students a basic understanding of the subject.

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

144. The proportion of female engineers has _____ increased.

adv. to a great extent or degree

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

v. to have the courage to do something

146. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

147. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 139. bunch, 140. fuel, 141. innovative, 142. loop, 143. introductory, 144. substantially, 145. dare, 146. device, 147. frame

148. 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

149. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

150. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.

- n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

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

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

152. _____ a society is an organism.

- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

153. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.

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

154. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

- v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

155. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?

- n.* the quality of compactness of a substance

156. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate _____ for their country.

- n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

ANSWERS: 148. brain, 149. combine, 150. savior, 151. incident, 152. Essentially, 153. jack, 154. seduce, 155. density, 156. autonomy

157. The highly anticipated video game turned out to be _____ as it was never actually released.
- n.* a product, typically software or hardware, that is heavily promoted or announced but never actually released or made available to the public
158. I'm not _____ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
159. During the war, many _____ ships were converted into battleships.
- n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
160. The report is divided into several _____ parts for convenience in reading.
- adj.* relating to or based on a particular section or division, often referring to a specific geographic area, group, or segment; characterized by divisions or separations
161. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to _____ from her job.
- v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
162. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
- n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
163. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
164. The manufacturer's _____ on my new laptop is valid for one year.
- n.* a written guarantee or pledge, usually issued by the manufacturer or seller that a product or service will meet certain standards of quality, performance, or functionality; a promise to repair or replace a faulty product or provide a refund if it fails to meet the specified standards

ANSWERS: 157. vaporware, 158. confident, 159. cargo, 160. sectional, 161. retire, 162. gear, 163. marred, 164. warranty

165. _____ panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

166. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

167. Scientists are working on developing _____ travel to explore other planets in our solar system.

adj. relating to or occurring between planets, particularly regarding space travel or communication

168. The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular _____ allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

n. an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

169. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

170. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

171. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

172. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

ANSWERS: 165. Solar, 166. underneath, 167. interplanetary, 168. tunnel, 169. desperate, 170. fabrics, 171. amazing, 172. competition

173. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

174. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

175. Is this painting _____ or forged?

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

176. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

177. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

178. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

179. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

180. _____ batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

ANSWERS: 173. autonomous, 174. mentioned, 175. genuine, 176. guilty, 177. transportation, 178. release, 179. initially, 180. Lithium-ion

181. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

182. He _____ approached the cliff's edge, aware of the dangers of falling.

adv. in a careful and controlled way, especially to avoid problems or danger

183. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

184. The ___ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

185. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

186. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

187. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

188. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

ANSWERS: 181. vast, 182. cautiously, 183. lease, 184. lax, 185. Grid, 186. trend, 187. complexity, 188. nation

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

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

190. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

191. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

192. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

193. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.

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

194. The _____ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.

n. the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country

195. He emphasized the _____ of immediate action.

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

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

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

ANSWERS: 189. internal, 190. arbitrary, 191. rubbed, 192. highway, 193. competent, 194. immigration, 195. necessity, 196. develop

197. Draw a circle five centimeters in _____.

- n.* the length of a straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference

198. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

- n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

199. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

200. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

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

201. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

202. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

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

203. I have a parrot as a _____.

- n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

204. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

- adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 197. diameter, 198. magnitude, 199. illustrate, 200. vision, 201. fellow, 202. threshold, 203. pet, 204. immediately

205. The _____ window allowed air to flow through the room while keeping out the rain.
- n.* a window or door with horizontal slats that can be adjusted to allow light and air to pass through while preventing rain, direct sunlight, and sight of the interior
206. The _____ sales have increased by 10% this quarter, thanks to strong consumer demand.
- n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles
207. He was ____ with joy to see the results.
- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
208. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
209. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
210. The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into _____.
- n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
211. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 205. louver, 206. automaker's, 207. mad, 208. council, 209. rocket, 210. orbit, 211. achieve

212. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

213. The comic book hero had a _____ power, which allowed him to read and control minds, making him a formidable foe

n. the supposed ability to communicate directly with someone else's mind without the need for words or physical gestures; the transfer of thoughts or emotions from one person to another by means other than the physical senses

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

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

215. The airplane was on _____ during the long flight.

n. a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft

216. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

217. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

218. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

219. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

220. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 212. weird, 213. telepathy, 214. norms, 215. autopilot, 216. desire, 217. incredible, 218. progression, 219. incredibly, 220. branch

221. They launched a crewless _____ into space.

- n.* (especially in science fiction) a spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space

222. The development team reported two _____ increases in performance.

- adj.* a hundred times as great or as much

223. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

224. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.

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

225. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

- n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

226. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

227. The _____ of the car was too fast for the road conditions.

- n.* the rate of change of an object's position with respect to time, often measured in meters per second (m/s)

228. The service was _____ and the food was quite delicious.

- adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

ANSWERS: 221. spaceship, 222. hundredfold, 223. tap, 224. pyramids, 225. depth, 226. curve, 227. velocity, 228. seamless,

229. The _____ video allowed us to analyze the athletes' movement patterns quickly.

adj. increased in speed; accelerated; made to move faster than normal or expected

230. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

231. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.

v. to be composed or made up of

232. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

233. The _____ bus will take you to the airport in 15 minutes.

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

234. I ____ that you know it.

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

235. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

236. His _____ movements allowed him to navigate the crowded streets with ease.

adj. quick and light in movement or action

ANSWERS: 229. sped-up, 230. electrify, 231. consists, 232. vacuum, 233. shuttle, 234. bet, 235. inspired, 236. nimble

237. 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
238. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
239. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via _____ to avoid traffic congestion
- n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
240. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
241. They have been living near water since _____ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
242. The engine _____ the rocket into space.
- v.* to push or drive forcibly; to impose or insert; (noun) the force used in pushing
243. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 237. quarter, 238. volume, 239. helicopter, 240. appreciate, 241. ancient, 242. thrust, 243. specific

244. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.

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

245. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

246. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

- v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

247. There was a disturbance of _____ function.

- adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain

248. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

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

249. The road is _____ for a while.

- adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

250. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.

- adj.* in a state of sleep

251. The village was excited about the _____ of their community, which would bring light to their homes.

- n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

ANSWERS: 244. fossil, 245. resist, 246. steer, 247. neural, 248. ambitious, 249. uphill, 250. asleep, 251. electrification

252. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

253. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

254. 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

255. We had to take a _____ flight because no direct flights were available.

adj. relating to or taking place across the open country rather than on roads or tracks; involving travel by foot, horse, or vehicle over rough terrain or through wilderness areas; (noun) a long-distance race or journey that takes place over rough or varied terrain, such as hills, forests, or fields

256. The ____ of whales swam gracefully through the water.

n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

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

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

258. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

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

259. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 252. locate, 253. probable, 254. military, 255. cross-country, 256. pod, 257. announced, 258. rolled, 259. suppose

260. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

261. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

262. The _____ truck towed the broken-down car to the garage.

adj. designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work

263. The defense attorney offered a strong _____ to the prosecution's case.

n. a response or argument that opposes or counters a previous statement or claim; a refutation or denial of the validity of an argument or claim

264. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

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

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

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

adv. usually; under normal conditions

267. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

268. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 260. shift, 261. industrious, 262. heavy-duty, 263. rebuttal, 264. bizarre, 265. persuade, 266. normally, 267. accident, 268. faked

269. From a marketing _____ this product may need to be more effective.
n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
270. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
271. 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
272. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
273. The athlete's _____ strength allowed him to lift twice his body weight.
adj. possessing abilities or characteristics that exceed those of normal humans; beyond human capacity or capability
274. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.
adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
275. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
276. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 269. standpoint, 270. battery, 271. improvisation, 272. sustainable, 273. superhuman, 274. musky, 275. roughly, 276. accelerate

277. He helped me with the _____ of this book.

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

278. The human-crewed _____ successfully landed on the moon, fulfilling its mission.

n. a vehicle designed to travel through space, typically carrying astronauts or scientific instruments

279. The highway _____ officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.

n. the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation

280. The military uses _____ missiles to hit targets from far away.

adj. relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities

281. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

282. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

283. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

284. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

ANSWERS: 277. preparation, 278. spacecraft, 279. patrol, 280. long-range, 281. fleet, 282. exclusive, 283. improve, 284. boring

285. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.

v. to use something again or more than once

286. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

287. This airport has taken the first step to become an international ____ airport.

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

288. 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

289. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

290. A _____ light lit up the party, creating a pulsing and energetic atmosphere.

n. a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals

291. Nearly all tractors operate on _____ fuel.

n. a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel

292. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

ANSWERS: 285. reuse, 286. visual, 287. hub, 288. disrupt, 289. stack, 290. strobe, 291. diesel, 292. planet

293. She enjoyed floating in the ocean's _____ zone where the waves met the shoreline
adj. occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
294. The ____ older man impressed everyone with his agility on the dance floor.
adj. active and lively, especially in a nimble or agile way; showing quickness and agility despite age or physical condition
295. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
296. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
297. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
298. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
299. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
300. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 293. in-between, 294. spry, 295. approximately, 296. obvious, 297. statistics, 298. snail, 299. degree, 300. elevator

301. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

302. I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the _____ this morning.

- n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles

303. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

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

- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

305. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

- adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

306. The phone call is an _____ interruption.

- adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

307. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.

- n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

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

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

ANSWERS: 301. reinforce, 302. driveway, 303. continent, 304. horrible, 305. relatives, 306. annoying, 307. gravity, 308. traffic

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

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

310. We are optimistic about our final _____.

- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

311. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

312. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

313. The _____ system in the building needed to be replaced.

- n.* the provision of fresh air, especially to a room or building

314. The marine _____ manufacturer demonstrated their newest hydroplane.

- n.* any vehicle that can fly and carry things or passengers, such as a plane or helicopter

315. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.

- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

316. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

ANSWERS: 309. capture, 310. victory, 311. vary, 312. basis, 313. ventilation, 314. aircraft, 315. atmosphere, 316. flee

317. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

318. He cannot _____ a holiday.

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

319. Our country has military alliances with _____ countries.

adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

320. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

321. There is no _____ car park nearby.

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

322. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

323. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

324. Due to budget constraints, the department was under a financial _____ making it necessary to reduce spending drastically.

n. a machine or device used for beheading, typically consisting of a tall upright frame with a suspended angled blade that is released to fall and sever the victim's head from their body; a method or process that produces swift and decisive action or change

ANSWERS: 317. crazy, 318. afford, 319. adjacent, 320. degrade, 321. toll, 322. caution, 323. entirely, 324. guillotine,

325. That candidate does not have _____ means to win an election with certainty.

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

326. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

327. In a _____ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

328. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

329. She is a full-time _____ who cares for her children and runs the household.

n. a woman who manages a household, particularly one who stays at home to take care of children and domestic duties

330. I like to _____ through commercials when watching TV shows.

v. to advance or move forward in time or progress, particularly in a rapid or accelerated manner; to increase the playback speed of a recording

331. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

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

332. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 325. sufficient, 326. shrink, 327. probabilistic, 328. feat, 329. housewife, 330. fast-forward, 331. lifetime, 332. inevitable

333. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
334. I had to declare all my purchases at _____ before entering the country.
n. the official department or agency that enforces the regulations, taxes, and duties related to the importation and exportation of goods; the duties, taxes, or tariffs imposed on imported or exported goods
335. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.
adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
336. The _____ of the internet has dramatically changed the way we communicate.
n. the arrival or beginning of something; the coming of Jesus Christ at his birth
337. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
338. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
339. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.
adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

ANSWERS: 333. blur, 334. customs, 335. noisy, 336. advent, 337. destroyed, 338. ironic, 339. inevitably