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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### smartphone

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict  
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

### adopt

*v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

*synonym* : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

### 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.

### gadget

*n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

*synonym* : appliance, gimmick, device

(1) a handy **gadget**, (2) time-saving **gadget**

I found the kitchen **gadget** that will serve as a bottle opener

in the store.

## stick

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

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

## constant

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

*synonym* : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

**Constant** dropping wears away the stone.

## miserable

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

*synonym* : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

## colic

*n.* a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances

*synonym* : cramp, spasm, gripe

(1) **colic** symptoms, (2) **colic** relief

New parents often struggle to soothe their infants with **colic**.

## stroll

*v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

*synonym* : amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside

We could **stroll** into town if you like.

## silent

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

## bore

*v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

*synonym*: bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

## moth

*n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

## journalist

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

*synonym*: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

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

## revolution

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

*synonym*: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

## exhausted

*adj.* extremely tired

*synonym*: drowsy, depleted, fatigued

(1) the **exhausted** food sources, (2) **exhausted** parents

The **exhausted** runner fell to the ground and gasped.

## 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?

## 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**.

## pave

*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

*synonym*: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

## wander

*v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

*synonym*: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

## fade

*v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

*synonym*: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

## zone

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

*synonym*: area, region, territory

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

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

## playground

*n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

*synonym* : park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

## podcast

*n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

## invest

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

*synonym* : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

## precious

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

*synonym* : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

## 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.

## brainstorming

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

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

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

## unearth

*v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : discover, uncover, expose

(1) **unearth** burial mound, (2) **unearth** a mystery

The detective **unearthed** a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

## damn

*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

*synonym* : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

## crack

*v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

*synonym* : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

## headline

*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

*synonym* : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

## couch

*n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

*synonym* : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the

weekends.

## spare

*adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

*synonym*: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

## coworker

*n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization

*synonym*: colleague, peer, associate

(1) **coworker** relationship, (2) argue with a **coworker**

My ex- **coworker** and I had different working styles but managed to get along.

## 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.

## rid

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

*synonym*: do away with, free, clear

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

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

## emotion

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

*synonym*: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

## 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.

## neuroscience

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

## cognitive

*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

*synonym*: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

## fascinating

*adj.* extremely interesting

*synonym*: alluring, intriguing, captivating

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

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

## ignite

*v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

*synonym*: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

## 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**.

## default

- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

*synonym*: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

## 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.

## laundry

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

*synonym*: wash, clothes, linen

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

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

## boredom

- n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

*synonym*: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

## daydreaming

- n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

*synonym*:

reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

## conscious

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

*synonym*: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

## subconscious

*adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

*synonym*: unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior

The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

## awesome

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

*synonym*: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

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

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

## MRI

*n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

(1) **MRI** brain image, (2) cardiac **MRI**

The **MRI** machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

## disparate

*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

*synonym*: different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location  
The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

**nag**

*v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse  
*synonym*: hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders  
She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

**autobiographical**

*adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative  
*synonym*: self-written, self-told, personal

(1) **autobiographical** narrative, (2) **autobiographical** memory  
The author wrote an **autobiographical** novel about growing up in a small town.

**narrative**

*n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story  
*synonym*: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**  
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

**chill**

*n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler  
*synonym*: coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**  
His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

**engage**

*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something  
*synonym*: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

## neurochemical

*adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity

(1) **neurochemical** substances, (2) **neurochemical** mechanism

Our study focuses on **neurochemical** changes in the brain.

## nutrient

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

*synonym*: food, vitamin

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

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

## accomplish

*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

*synonym*: achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

## 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.

## multitasking

*n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

*synonym*: juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

## shifting

*adj.* constantly changing or moving

*synonym* : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

## deplete

*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

*synonym* : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

## 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.

## glucose

*n.* a type of sugar that is found in plants, especially fruit, and is an essential energy source in living things

*synonym* : sugar, blood sugar

(1) blood **glucose** test, (2) **glucose** level

The doctor injected **glucose** into his patient's veins.

## discovery

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

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

## vicious

*adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

*synonym* : malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

## cycle

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

*synonym* : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym* : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## jump-start

*v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

*synonym* : revitalize, energize, kick-start

(1) **jump-start** a career, (2) **jump-start** an economy

I had to **jump-start** my car's battery this morning because it was dead.

## creative

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

*synonym* : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

## brilliant

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

*synonym* : luminous, intelligent, clever

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

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

## relation

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

*synonym*: association, linkage, connection

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

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

## dependent

*adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid

*synonym*: reliant, subject, subordinate

(1) dose- **dependent** induction, (2) a **dependent** person

The small island nation is heavily **dependent** on tourism as its main source of income.

## cradle

*n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

*synonym*: infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization

The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

## handle

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

*synonym*: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

## prop

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

*synonym*: support, buttress, column

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

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

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym*: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## mindless

*adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

*synonym*: senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

**Mindless** scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

## 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.

## app

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

*synonym*: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

## 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.

## download

*v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the



process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

*synonym* : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

## pickup

*n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

*synonym* : truck, cartridge

(1) **pickup** truck, (2) **pickup** and delivery service

I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our **pickup**.

## bard

*n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

*synonym* : poet, minstrel, troubadour

(1) medieval **bard**, (2) a famous **bard**

The **bard's** performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

## observe

*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

*synonym* : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

## instruction

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

*synonym*: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

## inbox

*n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

(1) **inbox** full of emails, (2) **inbox** folder

After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your **inbox**.

## experiment

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

*synonym*: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## eliminate

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

*synonym*: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

## reflex

*n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

*synonym*: reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

## 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.

- itch** v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it  
*synonym*: scratch, tingle, irritate  
(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak  
I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.
- 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.
- 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.
- embarrass** v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed  
*synonym*: disconcert, unsettle, agitate  
(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project  
He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.
- trigger** v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function  
*synonym*: activate, spark, drive  
(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation  
The incident **triggered** a political controversy.
- engineer** *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software  
*synonym*: architect, creator, builder  
(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage  
The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

## competitor

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

*synonym* : opponent, contender, contestant

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

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

## episode

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

*synonym* : event, chapter, seizure

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

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

## transparent

*adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

*synonym* : translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

## 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.

## refer

*v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

*synonym* : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

## technological

*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

*synonym* : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

**Technological** advances have disrupted many industries.

## auction

*n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

*synonym* : sale, vendue, bidding

(1) **auction** house, (2) online **auction**

The antique furniture was sold at **auction** for a high price.

## instantly

*adv.* immediately

*synonym* : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

## impressive

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

*synonym* : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

## 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**.

## stairway

*n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

*synonym* : staircase, steps

(1) **stairway** railing, (2) narrow **stairway**

The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble **stairway** that curved gracefully upwards.

- cardiovascular** *adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)  
(1) **cardiovascular** diseases, (2) **cardiovascular** tissue  
Smoking places you at severe risk of **cardiovascular** and respiratory disease.
- workout** *n.* a session of physical exercise or training  
*synonym*: exercise, training, physical activity  
(1) **workout** at the health club, (2) boxing **workout**  
He does a different **workout** every day to keep things interesting.
- delete** *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information  
*synonym*: erase, wipe out, remove  
(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification  
Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.
- misery** *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune  
*synonym*: affliction, despair, anguish  
(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**  
Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.
- vine** *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems  
(1) a green **vine**, (2) **vine** of ore  
A **vine** remains productive throughout the year.
- swoop** *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon  
*synonym*: dart, pounce  
(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator  
The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.
- emotional** *adj.* relating to people's feelings  
*synonym*: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## addiction

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

*synonym*: dependence

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

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

## 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.

## withdrawal

*n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

*synonym* : retreat, pullback, escape

(1) deposits and **withdrawals**, (2) **withdrawal** from membership

NATO's allied forces made a strategic **withdrawal**.

## caffeine

*n.* a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance

*synonym* : stimulant

(1) **caffeine** intake, (2) coffee with the **caffeine** removed

She experienced headaches and fatigue as symptoms of **caffeine** withdrawal after quitting coffee.

## headache

*n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

*synonym* : concern, difficulty, problem

(1) **headache** accompanied by fever, (2) bit of a **headache**

This pill will relieve your **headaches** immediately.

## structure

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

*synonym* : construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

## 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.



## gut

*n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

*synonym* : belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

## ridiculous

*adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

*synonym* : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

## 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.

## 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.

## empower

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

*synonym* : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

## transform

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym*: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

## taskmaster

*n.* a person who assigns, controls, or supervises tasks or work assignments; someone who is strict or demanding in assigning tasks or expecting high levels of productivity or performance

*synonym*: overseer, supervisor, disciplinarian

(1) demanding **taskmaster**, (2) **taskmaster** attitude

The strict **taskmaster** demanded nothing but perfection from his employees.

## intriguing

*adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

*synonym*: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

## recognize

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

*synonym*: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

## consequence

*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

*synonym*: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

## imaginative

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

## societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym* : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

## violent

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

*synonym* : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

## 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.

## economy

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

*synonym* : finance, trade, business

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

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

## disparity

*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

*synonym* : difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

## 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.

## survey

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

*synonym* : study, examination, poll

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

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

## identify

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

*synonym* : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

## 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.

## hibernation

*n.* a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter

*synonym* :

dormancy, torpor, sleep

(1) **hibernation** period, (2) artificial **hibernation**

Many animals go into **hibernation** during the winter to conserve energy and survive the harsh conditions.

## permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

*synonym*: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

## offline

*adj.* not connected to the internet

*synonym*: disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

## clarity

*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

*synonym*: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

## regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

*synonym*: control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct

We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

## digital

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

*synonym*: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature  
Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## platform

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

*synonym* : stage, podium, forum

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

## 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.

## uncomfortable

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

*synonym* : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

## brilliance

*n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

*synonym* : splendor, glory, luster

(1) **brilliance** of diamond, (2) economic **brilliance**

The scientist's **brilliance** led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. an arrival pl_____m               | <i>n.</i> the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed                     |
| 2. bo_____m relief                   | <i>n.</i> a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation                                                                                  |
| 3. el_____te sexual barriers         | <i>v.</i> to remove or get rid of someone or something                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4. sma_____ne addict                 | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet                                                                                                                                               |
| 5. pe____t application               | <i>v.</i> to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization                                                                                                         |
| 6. income di_____ty                  | <i>n.</i> a significant difference or inequality between two or more things                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7. ca_____ne intake                  | <i>n.</i> a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance                                                                  |
| 8. do_____ad files from the Internet | <i>v.</i> to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device |

ANSWERS: 1. platform, 2. boredom, 3. eliminate, 4. smartphone, 5. permit, 6. disparity, 7. caffeine, 8. download

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| 9. permanent br__n damage                 | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling                                                  |
| 10. a green v__e                          | <i>n.</i> a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems                                              |
| 11. 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 |
| 12. sma_____ne app developer              | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet                                                                        |
| 13. em_____al distress                    | <i>adj.</i> relating to people's feelings                                                                                                                 |
| 14. d__n with faint praise                | <i>v.</i> to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger              |
| 15. effects of cl_____e change            | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period                                                                             |
| 16. bo___g work                           | <i>adj.</i> lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull                                                                                               |
| 17. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something                                                                                          |
| 18. ig___e passion                        | <i>v.</i> to set on fire; to cause to start burning                                                                                                       |
| 19. hib_____on period                     | <i>n.</i> a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter                                                                     |
| 20. ex_____ed parents                     | <i>adj.</i> extremely tired                                                                                                                               |

ANSWERS: 9. brain, 10. vine, 11. ironic, 12. smartphone, 13. emotional, 14. damn, 15. climate, 16. boring, 17. empower, 18. ignite, 19. hibernation, 20. exhausted



21. jum\_\_\_\_\_rt an economy      *v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery
22. M\_I brain image      *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
23. int\_\_\_\_\_ng concept      *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
24. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process      *v.* to make or become better
25. a well-equipped pla\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
26. de\_\_\_e a file      *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
27. so\_\_\_\_\_al expectations      *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
28. car\_\_\_\_\_lar tissue      *adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
29. nu\_\_\_\_\_nt medicine      *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
30. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion      *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

ANSWERS: 21. jump-start, 22. MRI, 23. intriguing, 24. improve, 25. playground, 26. delete, 27. societal, 28. cardiovascular, 29. nutrient, 30. distract

31. co\_\_\_\_\_us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
32. argue with a co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
33. the branch of neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
34. id\_\_\_\_\_fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
35. work pe\_\_\_\_t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
36. time-saving ga\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
37. co\_\_c symptoms *n.* a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances
38. football po\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
39. in\_\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
40. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
41. deposits and wit\_\_\_\_\_als *n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

ANSWERS: 31. conscious, 32. coworker, 33. neuroscience, 34. identify, 35. permit, 36. gadget, 37. colic, 38. podcast, 39. invest, 40. amazing, 41. withdrawal

42. d\_\_n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
43. neu\_\_\_\_\_cal substances *adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity
44. ima\_\_\_\_\_ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
45. cr\_\_k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
46. wo\_\_\_\_\_t at the health club *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
47. gl\_\_\_\_\_e level *n.* a type of sugar that is found in plants, especially fruit, and is an essential energy source in living things
48. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
49. aw\_\_\_\_\_e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
50. send out the la\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

ANSWERS: 42. damn, 43. neurochemical, 44. imaginative, 45. crack, 46. workout, 47. glucose, 48. economy, 49. awesome, 50. laundry

51. am\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
52. three-fourths of a po\_\_d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
53. achieve am\_\_\_\_\_us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
54. re\_\_\_\_te our conduct *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
55. alcohol ad\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
56. a civil en\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
57. bra\_\_\_\_\_ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
58. mul\_\_\_\_\_ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
59. re\_\_\_x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
60. 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: 51. amazing, 52. pound, 53. ambitious, 54. regulate, 55. addiction, 56. engineer, 57. brainstorming, 58. multitasking, 59. reflex, 60. elevator

61. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
62. a reckless at\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
63. gu\_\_\_\_y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
64. acc\_\_\_\_\_sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
65. ep\_\_\_\_\_e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
66. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
67. mi\_\_\_\_\_ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
68. int\_\_\_\_\_ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
69. give si\_\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
70. i\_\_h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
71. artificial hib\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter
72. ob\_\_\_\_\_e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 61. psychology, 62. attempt, 63. guilty, 64. accomplish, 65. episode, 66. immediately, 67. mindless, 68. intriguing, 69. silent, 70. itch, 71. hibernation, 72. observe

73. chronic bo\_\_\_\_m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
74. cr\_\_\_e of civilization *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
75. bit of a he\_\_\_\_he *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
76. a cr\_\_k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
77. au\_\_\_\_n house *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
78. st\_\_\_\_ay railing *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
79. a di\_\_\_\_l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
80. follow his ins\_\_\_\_ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
81. a de\_\_\_\_nt person *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid

ANSWERS: 73. boredom, 74. cradle, 75. headache, 76. crack, 77. auction, 78. stairway, 79. digital, 80. instruction, 81. dependent

82. ob\_\_\_\_e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
83. 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
84. a comprehensive su\_\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
85. from the cr\_\_\_\_e to the grave *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
86. 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
87. i\_\_h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
88. el\_\_\_\_te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
89. en\_\_\_\_ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
90. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
91. bri\_\_\_\_ce of diamond *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

ANSWERS: 82. observe, 83. ironic, 84. survey, 85. cradle, 86. achieve, 87. itch, 88. eliminate, 89. entirely, 90. shift, 91. brilliance

92. di\_\_\_\_\_te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
93. na\_\_\_\_\_ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
94. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
95. major paradigm sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
96. p\_\_e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
97. tr\_\_\_\_\_r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
98. de\_\_\_e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
99. with an unc\_\_\_\_\_ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
100. car\_\_\_\_\_lar diseases *adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)
101. boxing wo\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a session of physical exercise or training
102. vi\_\_\_\_\_s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

ANSWERS: 92. disparate, 93. narrative, 94. creative, 95. shift, 96. pave, 97. trigger, 98. delete, 99. uncomfortable, 100. cardiovascular, 101. workout, 102. vicious



103. control my em\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
104. pi\_\_\_p truck *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
105. do\_\_\_\_\_ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
106. blood gl\_\_\_\_\_e test *n.* a type of sugar that is found in plants, especially fruit, and is an essential energy source in living things
107. a nu\_\_\_\_\_nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
108. aut\_\_\_\_\_cal memory *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
109. wa\_\_\_r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
110. re\_\_r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 103. emotion, 104. pickup, 105. download, 106. glucose, 107. nutrient, 108. autobiographical, 109. wander, 110. refer

111. em\_\_\_\_\_ss my project      *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
112. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts      *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
113. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* now or without delay
114. get r\_d of the rats      *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
115. personal na\_\_\_\_\_ve      *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
116. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
117. su\_\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy      *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
118. so\_\_\_\_\_al norms      *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
119. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
120. de\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
121. a cr\_\_y scheme      *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
122. n\_g political leaders      *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

ANSWERS: 111. embarrass, 112. massive, 113. immediately, 114. rid, 115. narrative, 116. journalist, 117. suddenly, 118. societal, 119. discovery, 120. decide, 121. crazy, 122. nag

123. dose-de\_\_\_\_\_nt induction *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
124. p\_\_e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
125. ne\_\_\_l networks in AI *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
126. jum\_\_\_\_\_rt a career *v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery
127. unintended con\_\_\_\_\_ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
128. sh\_\_\_\_\_ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
129. a theoretical concept in neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
130. mi\_\_\_\_\_ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
131. 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
132. a pla\_\_\_\_\_nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

ANSWERS: 123. dependent, 124. pave, 125. neural, 126. jump-start, 127. consequence, 128. shifting, 129. neuroscience, 130. mindless, 131. decide, 132. playground

133. co\_\_\_\_\_nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
134. ne\_\_\_l stem cells *adj.* of or relating to a nerve or the nervous system that includes the brain
135. feel a slight ch\_\_\_l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
136. domestic com\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
137. de\_\_\_\_\_e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
138. completely fas\_\_\_\_\_ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
139. ho\_\_\_\_\_le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
140. v\_\_\_e of ore *n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
141. cr\_\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
142. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
143. b\_\_\_e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

ANSWERS: 133. competent, 134. neural, 135. chill, 136. competitor, 137. deplete, 138. fascinating, 139. horrible, 140. vine, 141. crazy, 142. recognize, 143. bore

144. r_d the body of waste products	v.	to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
145. rise nearly hun_____ld	adj.	a hundred times as great or as much
146. live in mi___y	n.	a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
147. co_____us effort	adj.	being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
148. f__e away almost completely	v.	to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
149. an unc_____ble silence	adj.	providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
150. f__e in importance	v.	to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
151. tr_____rm an education system	v.	to change in outward structure or looks;
152. em_____r my life	v.	to give someone the power or authority to do something
153. recent su___y	n.	an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
154. in_____ly cope with	adv.	immediately
155. psy_____gy experiment	n.	the scientific study of mind and behavior
156. the ex_____ed food sources	adj.	extremely tired
157. leather co__h	n.	a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 144. rid, 145. hundredfold, 146. misery, 147. conscious, 148. fade, 149. uncomfortable, 150. fade, 151. transform, 152. empower, 153. survey, 154. instantly, 155. psychology, 156. exhausted, 157. couch

158. ad__t a bill	<i>v.</i>	to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
159. sw__p up the escalator	<i>v.</i>	to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
160. mi_____le experience	<i>adj.</i>	very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
161. a tra_____nt lie	<i>adj.</i>	easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
162. tr_____r inflation	<i>v.</i>	to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
163. a co_____nt wind	<i>adj.</i>	happening repeatedly or all the time
164. improve hun_____ld	<i>adj.</i>	a hundred times as great or as much
165. lack of cl_____y	<i>n.</i>	the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
166. co__c relief	<i>n.</i>	a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances
167. ha___ed the incident	<i>v.</i>	to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
168. barren of cr_____ve spirit	<i>adj.</i>	relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 158. adopt, 159. swoop, 160. miserable, 161. transparent, 162. trigger, 163. constant, 164. hundredfold, 165. clarity, 166. colic, 167. handle, 168. creative

169. victim of a vi\_\_\_\_\_t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
170. emotional p\_\_p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
171. em\_\_\_\_\_al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
172. coffee with the ca\_\_\_\_\_ne removed *n.* a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance
173. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
174. economic bri\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining
175. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
176. ad\_\_\_\_\_on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
177. capable of ima\_\_\_\_\_ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
178. online au\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

ANSWERS: 169. violent, 170. prop, 171. emotional, 172. caffeine, 173. consequence, 174. brilliance, 175. progression, 176. addiction, 177. imaginative, 178. auction

179. id\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
180. killer a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
181. banner he\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
182. the at\_\_\_\_t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
183. he\_\_\_\_he accompanied by fever *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
184. abs\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
185. stimulate day\_\_\_\_ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
186. the great di\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
187. tas\_\_\_\_er attitude *n.* a person who assigns, controls, or supervises tasks or work assignments; someone who is strict or demanding in assigning tasks or expecting high levels of productivity or performance
188. pi\_\_\_\_p and delivery service *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

ANSWERS: 179. identify, 180. app, 181. headline, 182. attempt, 183. headache, 184. absolutely, 185. daydreaming, 186. discovery, 187. taskmaster, 188. pickup



189. tec\_\_\_\_\_cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
190. a digital pl\_\_\_\_\_rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
191. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
192. pr\_\_\_\_\_us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
193. re\_\_\_\_\_te blood sugar levels *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
194. research on co\_\_\_\_\_ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
195. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
196. cardiac M\_I *n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body
197. individual ins\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
198. in\_\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
199. sw\_\_p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

ANSWERS: 189. technological, 190. platform, 191. ridiculous, 192. precious, 193. regulate, 194. cognitive, 195. distract, 196. MRI, 197. instruction, 198. invest, 199. swoop

200. narrow st\_\_\_\_ay *n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety
201. the cy\_\_e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
202. price of pr\_\_\_\_us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
203. he\_\_\_\_ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
204. an imp\_\_\_\_ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
205. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
206. wa\_\_\_\_r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
207. the st\_\_\_\_re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
208. aircraft au\_\_\_\_ot *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
209. neu\_\_\_\_cal mechanism *adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity
210. re\_\_\_\_m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

ANSWERS: 200. stairway, 201. cycle, 202. precious, 203. headline, 204. impressive, 205. moth, 206. wander, 207. structure, 208. autopilot, 209. neurochemical, 210. reclaim

211. thousands of po\_\_ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
212. beginning of the industrial rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
213. fas\_\_\_\_\_ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
214. a famous b\_\_d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
215. re\_\_\_\_\_m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
216. the ch\_\_l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
217. end of the first ep\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
218. co\_\_\_\_\_nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
219. ho\_\_\_\_\_le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
220. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 211. pound, 212. revolution, 213. fascinating, 214. bard, 215. reclaim, 216. chill, 217. episode, 218. competent, 219. horrible, 220. structure

221. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
222. de\_\_\_\_\_t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
223. un\_\_\_\_\_h burial mound *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
224. afraid to show em\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
225. ig\_\_\_e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
226. a co\_\_\_h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
227. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
228. sake of cl\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

ANSWERS: 221. engineer, 222. default, 223. unearth, 224. emotion, 225. ignite, 226. couch, 227. stick, 228. clarity

229. a political rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
230. basic br\_\_n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
231. beat com\_\_\_\_\_or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
232. co\_\_\_\_\_er relationship *n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
233. knee re\_\_\_x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
234. 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
235. of\_\_\_\_\_e course *adj.* not connected to the internet
236. di\_\_\_\_\_l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
237. untold mi\_\_\_y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
238. ha\_\_\_e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

ANSWERS: 229. revolution, 230. brain, 231. competitor, 232. coworker, 233. reflex, 234. achieve, 235. offline, 236. digital, 237. misery, 238. handle

239. imp_____ve performances	<i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
240. en___e in environmental protection activities	<i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
241. a rid_____us suggestion	<i>adj.</i> very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
242. physically di_____te location	<i>adj.</i> very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
243. ec_____y of scale	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
244. m__h attracted to the light	<i>n.</i> an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
245. st___l through the countryside	<i>v.</i> to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
246. n_g about the minor thing	<i>v.</i> to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
247. a cold cl_____e	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
248. tec_____cal advancement	<i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 239. impressive, 240. engage, 241. ridiculous, 242. disparate, 243. economy, 244. moth, 245. stroll, 246. nag, 247. climate, 248. technological

249. st\_\_\_l across a street *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
250. sp\_\_\_e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
251. g\_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
252. listen to a po\_\_\_\_t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
253. feel a bit gu\_\_\_y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
254. vi\_\_\_\_s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
255. of\_\_\_\_e mode *adj.* not connected to the internet
256. p\_\_p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
257. ma\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
258. br\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 249. stroll, 250. spare, 251. gut, 252. podcast, 253. guilty, 254. vicious, 255. offline, 256. prop, 257. massive, 258. brilliant

259. have an aw\_\_\_\_e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
260. in\_\_x full of emails *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
261. sub\_\_\_\_ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
262. au\_\_\_\_ot function *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
263. sub\_\_\_\_ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
264. z\_\_e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
265. the blind g\_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
266. sp\_\_e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
267. die su\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
268. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 259. awesome, 260. inbox, 261. subconscious, 262. autopilot, 263. subconscious, 264. zone, 265. gut, 266. spare, 267. suddenly, 268. cycle



269. medieval b\_\_d *n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song
270. un\_\_\_\_\_h a mystery *v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown
271. time z\_\_e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
272. em\_\_\_\_\_ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
273. computer mul\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
274. the di\_\_\_\_\_ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
275. in\_\_x folder *n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept
276. demanding tas\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who assigns, controls, or supervises tasks or work assignments; someone who is strict or demanding in assigning tasks or expecting high levels of productivity or performance
277. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
278. acc\_\_\_\_\_sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 269. bard, 270. unearth, 271. zone, 272. embarrass, 273. multitasking, 274. disparity, 275. inbox, 276. taskmaster, 277. relation, 278. accomplish

279. he was en\_\_\_\_\_ly to blame *adv.* completely
280. cannot log in to the a\_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
281. 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
282. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
283. aut\_\_\_\_\_cal narrative *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
284. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
285. with an am\_\_\_\_\_us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
286. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
287. de\_\_\_\_\_e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 279. entirely, 280. app, 281. develop, 282. recognize, 283. autobiographical, 284. transform, 285. ambitious, 286. stick, 287. deplete

288. modern el____or	<i>n.</i> a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
289. continuously sh____ng landscape	<i>adj.</i> constantly changing or moving
290. br____nt idea	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
291. im____e the test score	<i>v.</i> to make or become better
292. vi____t incident	<i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
293. series of exp____nts	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
294. wit____al from membership	<i>n.</i> the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
295. exp____nt design	<i>n.</i> the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
296. improve co____ve function	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
297. si____t reading	<i>adj.</i> without any or little sound
298. re____on between cause and effect	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
299. bo____g day	<i>adj.</i> lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
300. be killed in____ly	<i>adv.</i> immediately

ANSWERS: 288. elevator, 289. shifting, 290. brilliant, 291. improve, 292. violent, 293. experiment, 294. withdrawal, 295. experiment, 296. cognitive, 297. silent, 298. relation, 299. boring, 300. instantly

301. de\_\_\_\_\_t on the mortgage
- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
302. 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
303. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine
- n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
304. re\_\_r to a map
- v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
305. a handy ga\_\_\_\_t
- n. a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job
306. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt temperature
- adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
307. la\_\_\_\_\_y room
- n. the act of washing clothes and linens; a room or area where clothes are washed and ironed

ANSWERS: 301. default, 302. develop, 303. journalist, 304. refer, 305. gadget, 306. constant, 307. laundry



317. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against

*adv.* without restriction or limitation;  
completely or utterly

318. a we\_\_d dress

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to  
explain

ANSWERS: 317. absolutely, 318. weird

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.  
*adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ remains productive throughout the year.  
*n.* a climbing plant that produces grapes; any plant with a growth habit of trailing or climbing stems
4. Many companies employ \_\_\_\_\_ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.  
*n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
5. Trends in the fashion industry are so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is challenging to keep up with them.  
*adj.* constantly changing or moving
6. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as \_\_\_\_\_ but was later proven correct.  
*adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
7. I found the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ that will serve as a bottle opener in the store.  
*n.* a small tool or device that is useful for a particular job

ANSWERS: 1. develop, 2. vicious, 3. vine, 4. brainstorming, 5. shifting, 6. ridiculous, 7. gadget

8. The national assembly has \_\_\_\_\_ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
9. I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
11. The antique furniture was sold at \_\_\_\_\_ for a high price.
- n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
12. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
13. She couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_ her husband to take out the trash.
- v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
14. The experience was \_\_\_\_\_ and left a lasting impression.
- adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
15. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 8. adopted, 9. pickup, 10. moth, 11. auction, 12. rid, 13. nagging, 14. horrible, 15. discovery



16. I can't stop \_\_\_\_\_ my arm because of the mosquito bite.  
*v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
17. The lecture on quantum physics \_\_\_\_\_ me to tears.  
*v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
18. His swear words cast a \_\_\_\_\_ on the party.  
*n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
19. There is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in pay between men and women in the company.  
*n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
20. The protesters became \_\_\_\_\_ when the police tried to disperse them.  
*adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
21. We have finally lost our last \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
22. The airplane was on \_\_\_\_\_ during the long flight.  
*n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
23. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

ANSWERS: 16. itching, 17. bored, 18. chill, 19. disparity, 20. violent, 21. prop, 22. autopilot, 23. transparent

24. They \_\_\_\_\_ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.  
*v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
25. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.  
*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
26. The organization worked to bring together \_\_\_\_\_ groups in the community.  
*adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
27. The third \_\_\_\_\_ was far more successful.  
*n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
28. We can \_\_\_\_\_ this possibility from those consumptions.  
*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
29. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
30. This pill will relieve your \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.  
*n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble
31. The engagement of the two golf players became \_\_\_\_\_ news.  
*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
32. The industrial \_\_\_\_\_ laws were passed with little to no alteration.  
*n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 24. paved, 25. absolutely, 26. disparate, 27. attempt, 28. eliminate, 29. consequences, 30. headaches, 31. headline, 32. relations

33. There was a disturbance of \_\_\_\_\_ function.

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

34. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.

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

35. The speaker mounted the \_\_\_\_\_ and started to speak.

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

36. The author wrote an \_\_\_\_\_ novel about growing up in a small town.

*adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

37. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

38. Our study focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ changes in the brain.

*adj.* of or relating to chemical processes occurring in neural activity or chemical substance that participates in neural activity

39. \_\_\_\_\_ dropping wears away the stone.

*adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

40. The grand entrance hall had a magnificent marble \_\_\_\_\_ that curved gracefully upwards.

*n.* a set of stairs that connects two floors or levels of a building, often with a handrail or banister for safety

ANSWERS: 33. neural, 34. zone, 35. platform, 36. autobiographical, 37. clarity, 38. neurochemical, 39. Constant, 40. stairway

41. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.  
*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
42. I want to put that \_\_\_\_\_ of my life behind me.  
*n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
43. 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
44. The teacher will not \_\_\_\_\_ any students to leave the classroom early.  
*v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
45. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.  
*v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
46. NATO's allied forces made a strategic \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
47. The novel's plot was \_\_\_\_\_ and kept readers in their seats.  
*adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
48. My memory will \_\_\_\_\_ but my heart will live on.  
*v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

ANSWERS: 41. experiments, 42. episode, 43. progression, 44. permit, 45. observe, 46. withdrawal, 47. intriguing, 48. fade,

49. She felt \_\_\_\_\_ after her dog passed away.

*adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

50. The development team reported two \_\_\_\_\_ increases in performance.

*adj.* a hundred times as great or as much

51. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ a critical clue that led to the suspect's arrest.

*v.* to discover or bring to light something that is in the ground or was previously hidden or unknown

52. The lecture was so \_\_\_\_\_ that many people fell asleep.

*adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ runner fell to the ground and gasped.

*adj.* extremely tired

55. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead \_\_\_\_\_ to the theft charge.

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

56. \_\_\_\_\_ advances have disrupted many industries.

*adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 49. miserable, 50. hundredfold, 51. unearthed, 52. boring, 53. economy, 54. exhausted, 55. guilty, 56. Technological

57. Please \_\_\_\_\_ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

58. The small island nation is heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on tourism as its main source of income.

- adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid

59. Many animals go into \_\_\_\_\_ during the winter to conserve energy and survive the harsh conditions.

- n.* a state of inactivity and metabolic depression in animals during the winter

60. \_\_\_\_\_ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

- adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

61. The \_\_\_\_\_ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

62. I remembered that person \_\_\_\_\_ and never forgot.

- adv.* immediately

63. 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

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance at the festival was the highlight of the event.

- n.* a poet, especially one who composes poems in a traditional oral style; a singer or minstrel who tells stories through song

ANSWERS: 57. refer, 58. dependent, 59. hibernation, 60. Mindless, 61. narrative, 62. instantly, 63. achieve, 64. bard's

65. We all should learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
66. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
67. The eagle \_\_\_\_\_ down from the sky to catch its prey.
- v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
68. The doctor injected \_\_\_\_\_ into his patient's veins.
- n.* a type of sugar that is found in plants, especially fruit, and is an essential energy source in living things
69. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.
- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
70. The strict \_\_\_\_\_ demanded nothing but perfection from his employees.
- n.* a person who assigns, controls, or supervises tasks or work assignments; someone who is strict or demanding in assigning tasks or expecting high levels of productivity or performance
71. He told me a \_\_\_\_\_ truth about my parent's death.
- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 65. handle, 66. structure, 67. swooped, 68. glucose, 69. digital, 70. taskmaster, 71. gut-wrenching

72. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ nature and food in Hawaii.

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

73. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

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

74. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

75. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

76. Human \_\_\_\_\_ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

*adj.* relating to people's feelings

77. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

78. Highlight the sentences that you want to \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

79. I will introduce you to how to \_\_\_\_\_ the leading causes of the malfunction.

*v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 72. awesome, 73. creative, 74. cycle, 75. smartphones, 76. emotional, 77. engineer, 78. delete, 79. identify



80. I often waste a lot of time \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

81. The judge ruled that the defendant was \_\_\_\_\_ to stand trial.

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

82. The \_\_\_ machine uses powerful magnets to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

*n.* (abbreviation for magnetic resonance imaging) a medical imaging technique that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body

83. The museum houses a \_\_\_\_\_ collection of Celtic artifacts.

*adj.* extremely interesting

84. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

85. Later, his claim was found to be \_\_\_\_\_ false.

*adv.* completely

86. He is now fighting his \_\_\_\_\_ to drugs.

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

87. Their company has been in business for a short time but has \_\_\_\_\_ goals.

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

ANSWERS: 80. daydreaming, 81. competent, 82. MRI, 83. fascinating, 84. boredom, 85. entirely, 86. addiction, 87. ambitious

88. Smoking places you at severe risk of \_\_\_\_\_ and respiratory disease.

*adj.* of or relating to the heart and blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body)

89. His \_\_\_\_\_ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

90. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the \_\_\_\_\_ release.

*n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

91. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.

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

92. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

93. \_\_\_\_\_ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

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

94. I made plans to spend my \_\_\_\_\_ time beneficially.

*adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

95. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

96. The \_\_\_\_\_ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

*adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

ANSWERS: 88. cardiovascular, 89. cognitive, 90. app's, 91. distract, 92. amazing, 93. Climate, 94. spare, 95. brilliant, 96. subconscious

97. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.

*v.* to make or become better

98. Our \_\_\_\_\_ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

*n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

99. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

100. She could finish all her work on time because of her \_\_\_\_\_ skills.

*n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

101. He that would eat the kernel must \_\_\_\_\_ the nut.

*v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

102. The incident \_\_\_\_\_ a political controversy.

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

103. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

104. The company \_\_\_\_\_ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

*v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 97. improve, 98. podcast, 99. crazy, 100. multitasking, 101. crack, 102. triggered, 103. recognize, 104. empowered

105. I need to do the \_\_\_\_\_ before I run out of clean clothes.

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

106. 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

107. The scientist's \_\_\_\_\_ led to many groundbreaking discoveries in his field.

- n.* the quality of being very clever or talented; the quality of being very bright or shining

108. He \_\_\_\_\_ the fireworks with a single spark.

- v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning

109. We could \_\_\_\_\_ into town if you like.

- v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

110. I often \_\_\_\_\_ around the park for half an hour.

- v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

111. 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

112. He looked for an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ that actor in public.

- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

113. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.

- adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 105. laundry, 106. decide, 107. brilliance, 108. ignited, 109. stroll, 110. wander, 111. pounds, 112. embarrass, 113. immediately

114. The budget reduction was an \_\_\_\_\_ feat for our nation.

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

115. 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

116. The \_\_\_\_\_ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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

117. She is a hard worker but not very \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas

118. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will \_\_\_\_\_ to its original settings.

*v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) a failure to fulfill an obligation or to meet a requirement; the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

119. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.

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

ANSWERS: 114. impressive, 115. elevator, 116. revolution, 117. imaginative, 118. default, 119. invest

120. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.

*adj.* without any or little sound

121. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

122. The computer is \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

*adj.* not connected to the internet

123. The baby peacefully slept in her \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

*n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

124. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

125. He does a different \_\_\_\_\_ every day to keep things interesting.

*n.* a session of physical exercise or training

126. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the \_\_\_\_\_ hammer.

*n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

127. Many multinational companies are \_\_\_\_\_ in the reconstruction of that country.

*v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 120. silent, 121. suddenly, 122. offline, 123. cradle, 124. societal, 125. workout, 126. reflex, 127. engaged

128. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

129. New parents often struggle to soothe their infants with \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a condition typically occurring in infants, characterized by severe and often fluctuating pain in the abdomen caused by intestinal or digestive disturbances

130. His abusive words made me \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

131. Some \_\_\_\_\_ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

*n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

132. He became \_\_\_\_\_ that he was being followed.

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

133. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ my car's battery this morning because it was dead.

*v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

134. They used fast-acting \_\_\_\_\_ on the flowers in the flower beds.

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

135. 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

ANSWERS: 128. weird, 129. colic, 130. uncomfortable, 131. emotions, 132. conscious, 133. jump-start, 134. nutrients, 135. brain

136. I love to relax on the \_\_\_\_\_ and watch movies on the weekends.
- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
137. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
138. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
139. If we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
- v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
140. My ex-\_\_\_\_\_ and I had different working styles but managed to get along.
- n.* a person who works with another in the same company or organization
141. She experienced headaches and fatigue as symptoms of \_\_\_\_\_ withdrawal after quitting coffee.
- n.* a stimulant drug that is found in coffee, tea, and other beverages and that is used to increase alertness and improve mental and physical performance
142. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
- v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 136. couch, 137. journalists, 138. massive, 139. deplete, 140. coworker, 141. caffeine, 142. download



143. The gap between the company and its \_\_\_\_\_ has widened.
- n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
144. That \_\_\_\_\_ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
145. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
146. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
147. There is a woods with a creek near the school \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
148. We must manage to \_\_\_\_\_ our expenditure.
- v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
149. 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
150. Our company suffered \_\_\_\_\_ from incurring a heavy loss.
- n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

ANSWERS: 143. competitors, 144. survey, 145. psychology, 146. stick, 147. playground, 148. regulate, 149. ironic, 150. misery

151. After you register, you will receive an email with a coupon shortly in your \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an electronic folder on a computer or phone where new emails, text messages, etc., that are sent to you are kept

152. They needed further \_\_\_\_\_ to perform their duties efficiently.

*n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

153. Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

154. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?

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

155. Humankind took centuries to \_\_\_\_\_ true democracy.

*v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

156. We cannot afford to squander \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

157. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

158. The company's poor financial performance is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 151. inbox, 152. instruction, 153. neuroscience, 154. shift, 155. accomplish, 156. precious, 157. reclaim, 158. damn

159. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 159. transformed