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Session 1: Word List

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

bristle

n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

synonym : spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym: praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym: lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher

position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

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.

unsolicited

adj. given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired

synonym : uninvited, unrequested, unsought

(1) **unsolicited** email, (2) **unsolicited** proposal

The company received **unsolicited** feedback from a customer about their product.

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.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

feminism

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and

the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

synonym: women's rights, gender equality

(1) radical **feminism**, (2) liberal **feminism**

She is a strong advocate for **feminism** and works tirelessly for women's rights.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

amuse

v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

synonym: entertain, delight, divert

(1) **amuse** a baby with a rattle, (2) **amuse** guests

He **amused** himself by playing video games during his free time.

decidedly

adv. in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner

synonym: definitely, absolutely, positively

(1) **decidedly** unfriendly, (2) **decidedly** different

She was **decidedly** unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

boon

n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life

synonym: benefit, favor, blessing

(1) a **boon** companion, (2) prove a great **boon**

The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant **boon** for the country's economy.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

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

It was his first **romantic** love.

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.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

gloss

n. a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language

synonym: shine, gleam, luster

(1) **gloss** over my mistake, (2) **gloss** of politeness

The shiny **gloss** on the new car made it look even more impressive.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler
She wore high **heels** to the party.

tongue

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

synonym : lingo, language, vocabulary

(1) native **tongue**, (2) **tongue** cancer

The **tongue** is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

cheek

n. either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

synonym : jaw, mandible, malar

(1) **cheek** bone, (2) hollowed-out **cheek**

He gently touched her apple-red **cheek** and whispered that he loved her.

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

bra

n. a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts

synonym : brassiere, undergarment, bustier

(1) push-up **bra**, (2) sports **bra**

She bought a new **bra** that was comfortable and supportive for all-day wear.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

patrol

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

synonym : guard, watch, surveillance

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

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

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to

exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

gentle

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

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, endeavor

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

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

incident

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

synonym : event, occurrence, accident

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

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

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.

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

evident

adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

synonym: apparent, noticeable, obvious

(1) **evident** to all, (2) plainly **evident**

With **evident** joy, he signed his name.

fixture

n. an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet

synonym: fitting, appliance, equipment

(1) a light **fixture**, (2) a **fixture** in the life

He has become a **fixture** of that restaurant.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym: sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

energetic

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

synonym: active, animated, lively

(1) **energetic** density, (2) **energetic** dog

This process caused an **energetic** chemical reaction.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym : greatly, noticeably, suddenly

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

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

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.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**

The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

testosterone

n. a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics

(1) **testosterone** enhancer, (2) a synthetic derivative of **testosterone**

Training with sufficient intensity increases blood **testosterone** levels.

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

alliteration

n. a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect

synonym: repetition, rhyme, consonance

(1) literary **alliteration**, (2) **alliteration** usage

The children's book uses poetic **alliteration** to make the story more fun and engaging.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym : eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

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**.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system
Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

innovative

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

synonym: creative, ingenious, inventive

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

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

evolve

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

synonym: develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

gender

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

synonym: sexuality

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

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym : aggravating, bothersome, irksome

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

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

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

ostensible

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

synonym : apparent, seeming, supposed

(1) **ostensible** reason, (2) **ostensible** explanation

The **ostensible** purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

reputable

adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

synonym : respectable, honorable, esteemed

(1) **reputable** company, (2) **reputable** source

I only trust certified mechanics from **reputable** auto shops to work on my car.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym : follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my

hometown.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

intent

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

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

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

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

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

upset

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

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

acknowledgment

n. the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something

synonym: recognition, acceptance, admission

(1) in thankful **acknowledgment**, (2) **acknowledgment** of obligation

The recipient signed the **acknowledgment** of receipt.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym: tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

injustice

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

synonym: unfairness, bias, discrimination

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

The **injustice** of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

remake

v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work

synonym: revamp, redo, reproduce

(1) video game **remake**, (2) **remake** song

The director plans to **remake** the classic movie with a modern twist.

disservice

n. an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor

synonym: injury, harm, disadvantage

(1) social **disservice**, (2) **disservice** to the public

It would be a great **disservice** not to recognize her achievements in the field.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym: smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

masculinity

n. the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

synonym: manliness, virility, machismo

(1) **masculinity** norms, (2) toxic **masculinity**

Research has shown that rigid ideas of **masculinity** can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym: enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym: mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

advantage

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

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

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

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

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

shrink

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

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

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

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

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

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.

pretension

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

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

emasculate

v. to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent

synonym : weaken, castrate, debilitate

(1) **emasculate** power, (2) **emasculate** a provision

The politician faced accusations of trying to **emasculate** the opposing party's message.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

synonym : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

dislike

v. to not like someone or something

synonym: disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food

He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

acquaintance

n. a person one knows but who is not a close friend

synonym: friend, associate, contact

(1) **acquaintance** with a language, (2) business

acquaintance

I met him at a party, and we quickly became **acquaintances**.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

strike

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

synonym: hit, impact, influence

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

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

aspire

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

synonym: aim, desire, strive

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

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

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym : shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

intern

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

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**
The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

illustrate

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

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

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

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

fond

adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

synonym: liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday

He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

exasperated

adj. feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty

synonym: annoyed, angry, frustrated

(1) **exasperated** sigh, (2) feel **exasperated**

The politician's **exasperated** tone reflected her frustration with the lack of progress on the issue.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym: male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

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.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym : acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland
Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym : crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

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.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

synonym : brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

inherent

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

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

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

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

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.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

desire

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

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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.

pretense

n. an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim

synonym: act, facade, show

(1) **pretense** of innocence, (2) maintain a **pretense**

He put on a **pretense** of enjoying the party even though he was feeling miserable.

domestic

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

synonym: endemic, private, household

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

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

prescribe

v. (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

synonym: define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

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.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym: overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

housework

n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

synonym: chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

degree

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

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

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

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

diaper

n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces

synonym: napkin, nappy

(1) **diaper** bag, (2) cloth **diaper**

I need to buy a pack of **diapers** for my baby before we run out.

norm

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

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

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

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

unprepared

adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready

synonym : inexperienced, caught off-guard, ill-equipped

(1) **unprepared** speech, (2) **unprepared** for the exam

The **unprepared** student struggled on the test and received a low grade.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

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

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

feminine

adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women

synonym : womanly, womanlike, femalelike

(1) add a **feminine** touch, (2) the sacred **feminine**

The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically **feminine** style.

shiny

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

synonym : polished, glossy, lustrous

(1) **shiny** surface, (2) **shiny** object

The **shiny** new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

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

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

banish

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

synonym : exile, deport, expel

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

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

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym : cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym : sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

deserve

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

synonym : merit, earn, justify

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

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

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

immediate

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

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

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

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

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin
The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

repose

n. a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
synonym: rest, relaxation, tranquility

(1) state of **repose**, (2) peaceful **repose**

After a long day at work, I found my **repose** in a cozy armchair by the fireplace.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
synonym: comfortless, discomfoting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym: bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave
She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

earthworm

n. a common type of worm that lives in soil

synonym: angleworm, wiggler, crawler

(1) **earthworm** type robot, (2) trample an **earthworm**

We fed the birds daily with insects and **earthworms**.

oppress

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

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

mood

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

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

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

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

impotent

adj. lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

synonym: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym: inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

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

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

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

decorative

adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

synonym: ornamental, beautifying, embellishing

(1) **decorative** art, (2) **decorative** design

The **decorative** tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique

touch to the room.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

continuity

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

synonym: coherence, uninterruptedness, perseverance

(1) **continuity** plan, (2) **continuity** of service

The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's **continuity**.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym: hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

cult

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

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.

refuse

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

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

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

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

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.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

Session 2: Spelling

1. prove a great b__n
n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
2. achieve the hi____ic feat
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
3. su____al food
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
4. an und____le fact
adj. not possible to deny; true or certain
5. ost____le reason
adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
6. ev____t to all
adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
7. video game re____e
v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
8. no____h hope
v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 1. boon, 2. historic, 3. survival, 4. undeniable, 5. ostensible, 6. evident, 7. remake, 8. nourish

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| 9. n__m of action | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 10. br_____nt idea | <i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive |
| 11. an u__y sound | <i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at |
| 12. muscular st_____th | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong |
| 13. sh___k with fear | <i>v.</i> to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount |
| 14. get a r_p | <i>n.</i> a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed |
| 15. young un_____ed couple | <i>adj.</i> not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage |
| 16. su_____al ability | <i>n.</i> the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger |
| 17. a vul_____le bridge | <i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally |
| 18. a fi_____e in the life | <i>n.</i> an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet |
| 19. res_____ce movement | <i>n.</i> the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something |

ANSWERS: 9. norm, 10. brilliant, 11. ugly, 12. strength, 13. shrink, 14. rap, 15. unmarried, 16. survival, 17. vulnerable, 18. fixture, 19. resistance

20. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
21. pr_____be in the preceding paragraph *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
22. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
23. ema_____te a provision *v.* to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent
24. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
25. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
26. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
27. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 20. aspire, 21. prescribe, 22. constantly, 23. emasculate, 24. virgin, 25. forbid, 26. gender, 27. opportune

28. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
29. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
30. dec_____ve design *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
31. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
32. ack_____ent of obligation *n.* the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something
33. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
34. st___e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
35. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
36. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

ANSWERS: 28. illustrate, 29. struggle, 30. decorative, 31. elect, 32. acknowledgment, 33. prospect, 34. stifle, 35. fulfill, 36. tongue

37. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
38. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
39. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
40. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
41. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
42. radical fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
43. cl____t full of suits *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
44. 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

ANSWERS: 37. incident, 38. conversation, 39. premise, 40. exaggerate, 41. tap, 42. feminism, 43. closet, 44. economy

45. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
46. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
47. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
48. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
49. bachelor's de_____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
50. no_____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
51. two-bre_____er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
52. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
53. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
54. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
55. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 45. immediate, 46. involve, 47. complexity, 48. tip, 49. degree, 50. nourish, 51. breadwinner, 52. twin, 53. grateful, 54. intelligent, 55. argument

56. at_____te the change to their marriage
v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
57. beauty s__t
n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
58. fr_____e ecosystem
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
59. sl_____ly alkaline soils
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
60. f__d memories of the birthday
adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
61. ig___e a ban
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
62. economic th____t
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
63. pro_____ve development
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
64. call and co_____in frequently
v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
65. all_____ion usage
n. a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 56. attribute, 57. spot, 58. fragile, 59. slightly, 60. fond, 61. ignore, 62. threat, 63. progressive, 64. complain, 65. alliteration

66. ac_____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
67. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
68. sub_____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
69. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
70. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
71. pr_____se of innocence *n.* an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim
72. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
73. ac_____ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
74. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
75. pr_____be a drug *v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
76. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 66. accompany, 67. dictionary, 68. subordinate, 69. inherent, 70. attitude, 71. pretense, 72. chef, 73. accompany, 74. gentle, 75. prescribe, 76. competitor

77. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
78. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
79. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
80. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
81. ge____r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
82. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
83. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
84. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
85. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 77. sprinkler, 78. dramatically, 79. attitude, 80. threat, 81. gender, 82. bow, 83. compromise, 84. brilliant, 85. heel

86. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
87. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
88. crack of d___n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
89. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
90. fe_____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
91. no___l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
92. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
93. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 86. define, 87. assume, 88. dawn, 89. compromise, 90. feminist, 91. novel, 92. process, 93. confidence

94. am__e guests *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
95. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
96. gross in_____ce *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
97. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
98. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
99. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
100. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
101. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
102. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
103. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
104. con_____ty plan *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

ANSWERS: 94. amuse, 95. vulnerable, 96. injustice, 97. definition, 98. lobby, 99. mutual, 100. crucial, 101. uncomfortable, 102. recreation, 103. praise, 104. continuity

105. an im____nt feeling *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
106. business acq_____nce *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
107. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
108. feel exa_____ed *adj.* feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
109. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
110. fo____d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
111. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
112. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
113. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
114. am__e a baby with a rattle *v.* to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh

ANSWERS: 105. impotent, 106. acquaintance, 107. policy, 108. exasperated, 109. emotional, 110. forbid, 111. cult, 112. suppose, 113. emotional, 114. amuse

115. fu____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
116. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
117. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
118. maintain a pr____se *n.* an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim
119. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
120. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
121. pa____l car *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
122. ost____le explanation *adj.* appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden
123. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 115. fulfill, 116. intent, 117. graduate, 118. pretense, 119. threaten, 120. evolve, 121. patrol, 122. ostensible, 123. opportune

124. push-up b_a *n.* a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
125. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
126. an insect c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
127. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
128. ea_____rm type robot *n.* a common type of worm that lives in soil
129. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
130. the in__t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
131. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
132. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
133. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
134. an_____ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
135. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 124. bra, 125. upset, 126. cage, 127. oppress, 128. earthworm, 129. protest, 130. intent, 131. deserve, 132. compliment, 133. mask, 134. annoying, 135. premise

136. liberal fe_____sm *n.* the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society
137. family bre_____er *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
138. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
139. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
140. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
141. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
142. exa_____ed sigh *adj.* feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
143. medical in___n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
144. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 136. feminism, 137. breadwinner, 138. tap, 139. resistance, 140. impressive, 141. refuse, 142. exasperated, 143. intern, 144. masculine

145. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
146. light ho_____rk *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
147. in thankful ack_____ent *n.* the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something
148. b__e him with his stories *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
149. di_____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
150. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
151. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
152. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 145. promote, 146. housework, 147. acknowledgment, 148. bore, 149. dispose, 150. elect, 151. confidence, 152. tradition

153. the im_____te past
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
154. a ne_____ve number
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
155. b_w and greet
v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
156. uns_____ed email
adj. given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired
157. re_____e song
v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
158. have a ne_____ve effect
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
159. ho_____e secretion
n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
160. his conclusion was ob_____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
161. cloth di____r
n. a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces

ANSWERS: 153. immediate, 154. negative, 155. bow, 156. unsolicited, 157. remake, 158. negative, 159. hormone, 160. obvious, 161. diaper

162. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
163. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
164. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
165. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
166. 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
167. gl__s of politeness *n.* a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language
168. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 162. dramatically, 163. strike, 164. corruptible, 165. tip, 166. bore, 167. gloss, 168. deserve

169. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
170. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
171. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
172. tes_____one enhancer *n.* a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics
173. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
174. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
175. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
176. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
177. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

ANSWERS: 169. function, 170. creative, 171. dawn, 172. testosterone, 173. aim, 174. decidedly, 175. gang, 176. twin, 177. preservation

178. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
179. unpre_____ed for the exam *adj.* not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
180. gu_____y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
181. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
182. walk-in cl_____ts *n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
183. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
184. in_____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
185. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
186. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
187. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
188. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

ANSWERS: 178. exciting, 179. unprepared, 180. guilty, 181. prestige, 182. closet, 183. incident, 184. intern, 185. biology, 186. relation, 187. individual, 188. greet

189. politically fr____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
190. an an____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
191. a light fi____e *n.* an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet
192. sh__y surface *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
193. in____n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
194. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
195. a qu____ed doctor *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
196. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
197. in____ce system *n.* a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
198. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
199. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 189. fragile, 190. ancestral, 191. fixture, 192. shiny, 193. inhuman, 194. romantic, 195. qualified, 196. protest, 197. injustice, 198. innovative, 199. argue

200. gl__s over my mistake *n.* a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language
201. mas_____ty norms *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
202. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
203. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
204. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
205. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
206. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 200. gloss, 201. masculinity, 202. ego, 203. grave, 204. gang, 205. complexity, 206. invisible

207. v__t desert	<i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
208. st___e up a conversation	<i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
209. native to___e	<i>n.</i> a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
210. fa__y a cup of coffee	<i>v.</i> to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
211. un_____ed status	<i>adj.</i> not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
212. oc___y his time	<i>v.</i> to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
213. c__f knife	<i>n.</i> a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
214. re_____m a competitive position	<i>v.</i> to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
215. mu___l efforts	<i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties
216. proud of his acc_____ents	<i>n.</i> the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
217. a tr_____on of a culture	<i>n.</i> a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 207. vast, 208. strike, 209. tongue, 210. fancy, 211. unmarried, 212. occupy, 213. chef, 214. reclaim, 215. mutual, 216. accomplishment, 217. tradition

218. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
219. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
220. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
221. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
222. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
223. ho_____rk robot *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
224. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
225. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 218. intelligent, 219. process, 220. horrible, 221. policy, 222. automatic, 223. housework, 224. suit, 225. decide

226. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
227. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
228. pr____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
229. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
230. very f__d of *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
231. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
232. in____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
233. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
234. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
235. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
236. a bird in a c__e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

ANSWERS: 226. novel, 227. mood, 228. promote, 229. vast, 230. fond, 231. shrink, 232. inherent, 233. heel, 234. sham, 235. participate, 236. cage

237. social dis_____ce *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
238. con_____ty of service *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
239. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
240. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
241. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
242. di___r bag *n.* a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces
243. 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

ANSWERS: 237. disservice, 238. continuity, 239. domestic, 240. advantage, 241. grave, 242. diaper, 243. journalist

244. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
245. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
246. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
247. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
248. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
249. en_____ic dog *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
250. 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
251. pr_____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
252. hollowed-out ch__k *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
253. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
254. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 244. automatically, 245. slightly, 246. struggle, 247. apologetic, 248. biology, 249. energetic, 250. recognize, 251. prestige, 252. cheek, 253. academic, 254. threaten

255. an____ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
256. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
257. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
258. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
259. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
260. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
261. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
262. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
263. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
264. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 255. annoying, 256. spot, 257. intellect, 258. constantly, 259. academic, 260. lobby, 261. mood, 262. pretension, 263. ego, 264. economy

265. de_____e him of his status	<i>v.</i>	to take away something from someone
266. effectively int_____te a thief	<i>v.</i>	to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
267. the ul_____te luxury	<i>adj.</i>	furthest or highest in degree or order
268. re_____e a request	<i>v.</i>	to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
269. an oxygen m__k	<i>v.</i>	to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
270. a b__n companion	<i>n.</i>	something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
271. unsatisfied de_____e	<i>n.</i>	a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
272. Oscar la_____te	<i>n.</i>	a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
273. re_____m land from the sea	<i>v.</i>	to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
274. unpre_____ed speech	<i>adj.</i>	not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
275. feel a bit gu_____y	<i>adj.</i>	feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
276. the evo_____ary process	<i>adj.</i>	relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

ANSWERS: 265. deprive, 266. intimidate, 267. ultimate, 268. refuse, 269. mask, 270. boon, 271. desire, 272. laureate, 273. reclaim, 274. unprepared, 275. guilty, 276. evolutionary

277. pr____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
278. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
279. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
280. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
281. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
282. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
283. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
284. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
285. au____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

ANSWERS: 277. primary, 278. niece, 279. evolve, 280. sham, 281. grateful, 282. praise, 283. compel, 284. blind, 285. automatic

286. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
287. fe_____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
288. sexually im_____nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
289. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
290. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
291. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
292. ba___h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
293. literary all_____ion *n.* a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect
294. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

ANSWERS: 286. ignore, 287. feminist, 288. impotent, 289. creative, 290. virgin, 291. progressive, 292. banish, 293. alliteration, 294. uncomfortable

295. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
296. play the a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
297. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
298. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
299. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
300. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
301. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
302. di_____e speaking in public *v.* to not like someone or something
303. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 295. conversation, 296. ape, 297. monitor, 298. addition, 299. suit, 300. prospect, 301. strength, 302. dislike, 303. invisible

304. re_____le company *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
305. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
306. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
307. uns_____ed proposal *adj.* given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired
308. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
309. 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
310. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
311. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
312. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
313. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
314. poet la_____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

ANSWERS: 304. reputable, 305. dispose, 306. suppose, 307. unsolicited, 308. innovative, 309. decide, 310. mindset, 311. partnership, 312. horrible, 313. historic, 314. laureate

315. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
316. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
317. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
318. acq_____nce with a language *n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
319. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
320. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
321. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
322. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
323. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
324. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

ANSWERS: 315. competitor, 316. dictionary, 317. blind, 318. acquaintance, 319. attribute, 320. masculine, 321. relation, 322. ambition, 323. norm, 324. subordinate

325. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
326. a synthetic derivative of tes_____one *n.* a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics
327. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
328. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
329. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
330. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
331. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
332. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
333. ema_____te power *v.* to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent
334. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 325. ambition, 326. testosterone, 327. define, 328. aim, 329. physically, 330. impressive, 331. encounter, 332. evolutionary, 333. emasculate, 334. pretension

335. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
336. qu_____ed in medicine *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
337. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
338. dis_____ce to the public *n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor
339. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
340. female ho_____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
341. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
342. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
343. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
344. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 335. silent, 336. qualified, 337. mindset, 338. disservice, 339. automatically, 340. hormone, 341. domestic, 342. cult, 343. definition, 344. encounter

345. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
346. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
347. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
348. state of re____e *n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
349. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
350. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
351. as____e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
352. in_____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
353. trample an ea_____rm *n.* a common type of worm that lives in soil

ANSWERS: 345. graduate, 346. rap, 347. exciting, 348. repose, 349. corruptible, 350. compliment, 351. assume, 352. inhuman, 353. earthworm

354. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
355. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
356. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
357. sh__y object *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
358. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
359. ro_____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
360. the sacred fe_____ne *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
361. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
362. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
363. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

ANSWERS: 354. confer, 355. upset, 356. sprinkler, 357. shiny, 358. grant, 359. romantic, 360. feminine, 361. fancy, 362. primary, 363. monitor

364. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
365. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
366. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
367. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
368. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
369. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
370. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
371. ch__k bone *n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw
372. add a fe_____ne touch *adj.* relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
373. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
374. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
375. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
376. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

ANSWERS: 364. apologetic, 365. individual, 366. accomplishment, 367. grant, 368. ape, 369. participate, 370. physically, 371. cheek, 372. feminine, 373. ultimate, 374. gentle, 375. crucial, 376. partnership

377. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
378. int_____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
379. ar___e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
380. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
381. border pa___l *n.* the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
382. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
383. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
384. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
385. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 377. aspire, 378. intimidate, 379. argue, 380. exaggerate, 381. patrol, 382. occupy, 383. advantage, 384. complain, 385. illustrate

386. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
387. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
388. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
389. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
390. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
391. peaceful re___e *n.* a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
392. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
393. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 386. confer, 387. obvious, 388. decidedly, 389. recreation, 390. stifle, 391. repose, 392. intellect, 393. oppress

394. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
395. di____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
396. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
397. en____ic density *adj.* possessing or exerting or displaying energy
398. an____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
399. dec____ve art *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
400. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
401. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
402. de____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
403. sports b_a *n.* a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
404. an und____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
405. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

ANSWERS: 394. function, 395. dislike, 396. niece, 397. energetic, 398. ancestral, 399. decorative, 400. banish, 401. involve, 402. deprive, 403. bra, 404. undeniable, 405. ugly

406. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
407. 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
408. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
409. plainly ev_____t *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
410. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
411. 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
412. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
413. br_____e with anger *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
414. re_____le source *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

ANSWERS: 406. silent, 407. recognize, 408. compel, 409. evident, 410. desire, 411. journalist, 412. argument, 413. bristle, 414. reputable

415. br____e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
416. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
417. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
418. toxic mas_____ty *n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly
419. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
420. the pre _____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

ANSWERS: 415. bristle, 416. degree, 417. greet, 418. masculinity, 419. addition, 420. preservation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
- The director plans to _____ the classic movie with a modern twist.
v. to create a new version of a work of art, such as a film, song, or play, using the same or similar material as the original; to adapt or update something for a new audience or purpose; (noun) a new version or adaptation of a previously existing movie, song, TV show, or other creative work
- She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
- It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.
v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
- The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.
n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
- That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
- The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 1. Evolutionary, 2. remake, 3. blind, 4. fulfilled, 5. chef, 6. lobby, 7. process

8. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
9. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.
v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
10. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
11. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
12. The _____ student struggled on the test and received a low grade.
adj. not properly or adequately prepared; lacking preparation; not ready
13. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
14. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
15. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
16. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.
adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

ANSWERS: 8. negative, 9. fancy, 10. definition, 11. upset, 12. unprepared, 13. constantly, 14. corruptible, 15. mood, 16. inhuman

17. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
18. The children's book uses poetic _____ to make the story more fun and engaging.
- n.* a literary device or technique characterized by the repetition of sounds, usually consonants, at the beginning of words in close proximity, often used for poetic or rhetorical effect
19. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
20. 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
21. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
22. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.
- v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
23. 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
24. Modern medicine was largely _____ against the disease.
- adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

ANSWERS: 17. resistance, 18. alliteration, 19. define, 20. relations, 21. struggle, 22. intimidate, 23. creative, 24. impotent

25. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.
v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
26. She bought a new ____ that was comfortable and supportive for all-day wear.
n. a woman's undergarment designed to support the breasts
27. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.
v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
28. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
29. Her influence on teenagers is _____.
adj. not possible to deny; true or certain
30. We seek a person _____ for the post.
adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
31. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
32. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
33. 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

ANSWERS: 25. exaggerated, 26. bra, 27. disposed, 28. silent, 29. undeniable, 30. qualified, 31. compel, 32. grateful, 33. recognize

34. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.
- n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
35. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
36. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
37. The _____ tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.
- adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
38. It was his first _____ love.
- adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
39. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
40. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 34. hormone, 35. suits, 36. elected, 37. decorative, 38. romantic, 39. strike, 40. function

41. The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant _____ for the country's economy.
n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
42. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
43. 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
44. The politician's _____ tone reflected her frustration with the lack of progress on the issue.
adj. feeling intense irritation or frustration, especially over a persistent problem or difficulty
45. 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
46. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
47. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 41. boon, 42. biology, 43. economy, 44. exasperated, 45. bored, 46. interned, 47. mutual

48. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

49. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

50. He has become a _____ of that restaurant.

n. an object firmly installed in place, especially in a household, such as a bath or a toilet

51. This remote ____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

52. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

53. She is a strong advocate for _____ and works tirelessly for women's rights.

n. the belief in and advocacy of equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all genders, particularly women, and the recognition of the systematic and cultural oppression of women in society

54. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 48. ego, 49. automatic, 50. fixture, 51. spot, 52. ambition, 53. feminism, 54. premise

55. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

56. He put on a _____ of enjoying the party even though he was feeling miserable.

- n.* an act or instance of pretending or feigning; a false or insincere show or claim

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

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

58. The company received _____ feedback from a customer about their product.

- adj.* given or sent without being requested or asked for; not invited or desired

59. Research has shown that rigid ideas of _____ can contribute to domestic violence and other forms of abuse.

- n.* the qualities or attributes traditionally associated with men, such as physical strength, courage, assertiveness, and so on; the state of being male or manly

60. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

61. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

62. The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's _____.

- n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

ANSWERS: 55. conversation, 56. pretense, 57. innovative, 58. unsolicited, 59. masculinity, 60. obvious, 61. evolved, 62. continuity

63. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

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

64. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

65. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

66. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

67. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

68. Training with sufficient intensity increases blood _____ levels.

n. a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics

69. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

70. 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

ANSWERS: 63. impressive, 64. argument, 65. cage, 66. Intelligent, 67. granted, 68. testosterone, 69. attributes, 70. decide

71. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
72. Federal bankruptcy laws _____ the reorganization process.
- v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
73. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
74. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
75. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
76. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.
- adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
77. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
- v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

ANSWERS: 71. pretensions, 72. prescribed, 73. threatening, 74. individual, 75. advantages, 76. feminist, 77. stifle

78. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
79. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.
n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
80. The drama series mainly received _____.
n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
81. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
82. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
83. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
84. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
85. The dog's _____ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.
n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

ANSWERS: 78. complaining, 79. rap, 80. praise, 81. academic, 82. desire, 83. ultimate, 84. policy, 85. bristle

86. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
87. I met him at a party, and we quickly became _____.
- n.* a person one knows but who is not a close friend
88. She was _____ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.
- adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
89. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
90. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
91. His abusive words made me _____.
- adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
92. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
93. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
- v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

ANSWERS: 86. prospect, 87. acquaintances, 88. decidedly, 89. norms, 90. confidence, 91. uncomfortable, 92. twin, 93. banished

94. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
95. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
96. I only trust certified mechanics from _____ auto shops to work on my car.
adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
97. The dress mixes sophisticated lines with an appealing floral design for a classically _____ style.
adj. relating to women; having the features or appearance often associated with women
98. Many women are now their families' primary _____.
n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others
99. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
100. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
101. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 94. historic, 95. mindset, 96. reputable, 97. feminine, 98. breadwinners, 99. occupy, 100. graves, 101. brilliant

102. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

103. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

104. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

105. She has chosen to remain _____ and focus on her career.

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

106. She didn't mind doing the _____ as long as it kept her busy and productive.

n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

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

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

108. We ___ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

109. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

ANSWERS: 102. virgin, 103. monitor, 104. primary, 105. unmarried, 106. housework, 107. incident, 108. aim, 109. involves

110. My initial reaction was to _____.

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

111. The phone call is an _____ interruption.

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

112. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

113. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

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

114. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

115. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

116. The _____ is boneless, but it is as strong as bones.

n. a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a tongue

117. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

118. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

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

ANSWERS: 110. refuse, 111. annoying, 112. preservation, 113. vast, 114. assumes, 115. apes, 116. tongue, 117. mask, 118. gentle

119. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

120. He moved his body _____ to the left.

- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

121. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

122. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.

- v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

123. He is excessively _____ of alcohol.

- adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

124. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

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

125. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

126. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.

- n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

ANSWERS: 119. novel, 120. slightly, 121. survival, 122. accompany, 123. fond, 124. illustrate, 125. greeted, 126. sprinkler

127. The _____ of the court's decision angered many people and led to protests.
n. a violation of the rights of others or the laws of a society
128. The highway _____ officer pulled over the speeding vehicle on the freeway.
n. the act of guarding an area or conducting surveillance of an area to maintain order, perform security functions, or prevent crime; a group of officers or soldiers that conducts such an operation
129. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.
v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
130. The _____ new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.
adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
131. He _____ himself by playing video games during his free time.
v. to entertain or divert the mind; to make someone laugh
132. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
v. to take away something from someone
133. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
134. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
135. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 127. injustice, 128. patrol, 129. reclaim, 130. shiny, 131. amused, 132. deprived, 133. promote, 134. protest, 135. progressive

136. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.

- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

137. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

138. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

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

139. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

- adv.* in a very impressive manner

140. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

141. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

142. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.

- adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

143. He gently touched her apple-red _____ and whispered that he loved her.

- n.* either side of the face below the eye and between the nose and the jaw

144. She had the _____ that work was fun.

- n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 136. recreation, 137. compromised, 138. shrink, 139. dramatically, 140. dawn, 141. intellect, 142. apologetic, 143. cheek, 144. attitude

145. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

146. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

147. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

148. The _____ purpose of the meeting was to discuss budgeting, but the real topic was employee layoffs.

adj. appearing or seeming to be true, genuine, or plausible, but not necessarily so; outwardly appearing or declared to be one thing while being something different or hidden

149. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

150. We fed the birds daily with insects and _____.

n. a common type of worm that lives in soil

151. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

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

152. He seems to _____ all forms of exercise.

v. to not like someone or something

ANSWERS: 145. participated, 146. gang, 147. ignored, 148. ostensible, 149. fragile, 150. earthworms, 151. degree, 152. dislike

153. The ____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

154. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

155. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

156. God _____ you should regret your marriage.

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

157. I will introduce some ____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

158. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

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

159. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

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

160. This process caused an _____ chemical reaction.

adj. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

ANSWERS: 153. ugly, 154. addition, 155. threat, 156. forbid, 157. tips, 158. tap, 159. guilty, 160. energetic

161. After a long day at work, I found my _____ in a cozy armchair by the fireplace.
n. a state of rest, relaxation, or tranquility; a period of rest or sleep; composure or calmness; a state of being at ease; (verb) to rest or relax; to be situated or positioned
162. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
163. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
164. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
165. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
166. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.
n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
167. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
168. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 161. repose, 162. complexity, 163. exciting, 164. emotional, 165. argue, 166. closet, 167. suppose, 168. tradition

169. The shiny _____ on the new car made it look even more impressive.
- n.* a smooth and shiny surface on a material, often achieved through the application of a coating or finish; a brief or superficial explanation or description, often used to make something seem better or more attractive than it actually is; (verb) to make something appear better or more positive than it really is, often by using vague or misleading language
170. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
171. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
- adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
172. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
- adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
173. The recipient signed the _____ of receipt.
- n.* the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something
174. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
175. The university has great _____ in the academic community.
- n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
176. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
- v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 169. gloss, 170. confer, 171. immediate, 172. inherent, 173. acknowledgment, 174. domestic, 175. prestige, 176. nourish

177. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

adv. without needing a direct human control

178. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.

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

179. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

180. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

181. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

182. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

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

183. She _____ to the audience after her performance.

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

ANSWERS: 177. automatically, 178. gender, 179. subordinate, 180. masculine, 181. accomplishment, 182. cult, 183. bowed

184. 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
185. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
- n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
186. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
187. The politician faced accusations of trying to _____ the opposing party's message.
- v.* to deprive a male of his masculine characteristics or qualities, often by removing or damaging his genitals; to deprive of strength, power, or effectiveness; to make something less virile or potent
188. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
189. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
190. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
191. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

ANSWERS: 184. competitors, 185. graduate, 186. strength, 187. emasculate, 188. aspired, 189. invisible, 190. physically, 191. partnership

192. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
193. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
194. With _____ joy, he signed his name.
adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
195. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.
n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
196. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
197. I need to purchase a new English _____.
n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
198. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
199. 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

ANSWERS: 192. niece, 193. opportune, 194. evident, 195. laureate, 196. horrible, 197. dictionary, 198. encounter, 199. journalists

200. The data he prepared was completely _____.

- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

201. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

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

202. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

- adj.* extremely vital or necessary

203. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.

- adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past

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

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

205. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

206. It would be a great _____ not to recognize her achievements in the field.

- n.* an action that causes harm or damage; something that is detrimental or disadvantageous; the opposite of a favor

207. She wore high _____ to the party.

- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 200. sham, 201. deserved, 202. crucial, 203. ancestral, 204. oppressed, 205. vulnerable, 206. disservice, 207. heels

208. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

- n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

209. I need to buy a pack of _____ for my baby before we run out.

- n.* a soft, absorbent piece of material worn by babies and young children around their waist and between their legs to catch urine and feces

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

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

ANSWERS: 208. compliment, 209. diapers, 210. intent