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Session 1: Word List

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym : allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

shrug

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

(1) **shrug** off the importance, (2) **shrug** his shoulders sadly
I respect her ability to **shrug** off harsh criticism.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

label

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

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

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

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

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

judge

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

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

incomplete

adj. not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

synonym : undone, unfinished, insufficient

(1) **incomplete** information, (2) customer with **incomplete** credit histories

The researcher criticized the study due to **incomplete** data.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

gripping

adj. engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

synonym : captivating, enthralling, engrossing

(1) **gripping** documentary, (2) **gripping** tale

The **gripping** movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym : advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym: relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym: expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

wholehearted

adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment

synonym: passionate, enthusiastic, devoted

(1) **wholehearted** support, (2) **wholehearted** commitment

She put her **wholehearted** effort into finishing the project on time.

possessed

adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

synonym: controlled, influenced, consumed

(1) **possessed** by a fox, (2) like a person **possessed**

She was **possessed** by a fierce determination to succeed.

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym: almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

superhero

n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

(1) **superhero** movies, (2) **superhero** comics

Superman is a classic **superhero** known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.

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**.

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym : biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym : cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

pound

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

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

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

ounce

n. a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams

(1) **ounce** weight, (2) have an **ounce** of confidence

One **ounce** of gold is worth much money.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym : earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym : filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

chromosome

n. a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like

synonym : DNA

(1) a sex **chromosome**, (2) the end of **chromosome**
Human females normally have two X **chromosomes**.

syndrome

n. a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder

synonym: disorder, condition, complication

(1) **syndrome** of dementia, (2) acute **syndrome**

The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic **syndrome**.

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym: block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

onyx

n. a semiprecious or precious stone, typically black or white with bands of alternating colors; a variety of fine-grained chalcedony

synonym: black gem, black stone

(1) black **onyx**, (2) **onyx** stone

She adorned her necklace with a beautiful **onyx** pendant.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym: impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

equanimity

n. a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations

synonym: calmness, composure, equilibrium

(1) achieve perfect **equanimity**, (2) lose **equanimity**

The CEO's **equanimity** during the crisis helped reassure the investors and employees.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym: apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

reggae

n. a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, characterized by its rhythmic and syncopated style, prominent bass lines, and lyrics often addressing social or political themes

(1) **reggae** music, (2) **reggae** artist

The band played the perfect blend of **reggae** and jazz at the music festival.

smirk

v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

synonym : grin, sneer, simper

(1) **smirk** confidently, (2) **smirk** after playing a prank
He couldn't help but **smirk** when he heard her absurd excuse.

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure
They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym : beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**
He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym : beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure
The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window
The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

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.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

occupation

n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession

synonym: job, profession, vocation

(1) **occupation** disease, (2) **occupation** of a building

The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and **occupation**.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym: nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological**

symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

dull

adj. not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp

synonym: insensitive, unintelligent, boring

(1) a **dull** pain, (2) **dull** sight

The trade is **dull** right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

synonym: brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

jostle

v. to push, elbow, or bump against someone or something in a forceful or crowded way; to compete with or struggle against another person or group for space, resources, or attention

synonym: push, bump, elbow

(1) **jostle** for position, (2) **jostle** my elbow

I had to **jostle** through the crowded concert to get to the front of the stage.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym: create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

splint

n. a rigid or flexible device used to immobilize or support a broken or injured bone or joint, often made of wood, metal, or other sturdy materials and commonly used in first aid or medical settings

synonym : brace, support

(1) **splint** bandage, (2) arm **splint**

After my skiing accident, I had to wear a leg **splint** for several weeks.

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**.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym : preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

pat

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

synonym : tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym : wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files
He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
synonym: catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

pursue

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

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

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

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

cellular

adj. of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires

synonym: organic, biological, nuclear

(1) **cellular** and molecular biology, (2) a **cellular** phone handset

This factory employs a **cellular** manufacturing system.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

able-bodied

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

synonym: capable, fit, healthy

(1) **able-bodied** worker, (2) **able-bodied** athlete

The job posting required an **able-bodied** person for heavy lifting.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

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

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

bias

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

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym: turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

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.

torque

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

synonym : twist, rotation, spin

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

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

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

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.

wiggle

v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

synonym : wiggle, jiggle, squirm

(1) **wiggle** her lips, (2) **wiggle** with excitement
Her hips **wiggle** as she walks.

cord

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

synonym: wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

toddler

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

synonym: child, infant, youngster

(1) an active **toddler**, (2) **toddler** in nappy

A **toddler** needs constant supervision and firm control.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

limber

v. to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity

synonym: stretch, warm up, flex

(1) **limber** up with some stretching exercises, (2) **limber** my body

You need to **limber** up before starting to exercise to prevent injury.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

rejoice

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

synonym : enjoy, delight, celebrate

(1) **rejoice** over a victory, (2) **rejoice** at the moment

We should all **rejoice** in the good things life has to offer.

yank

v. to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

synonym : draw, jerk, tug

(1) **yank** out a tooth, (2) **yank** at a rope

He tried to **yank** the memories from his brain.

complicated

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

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

batch

n. a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

synonym : group, lot, collection

(1) a **batch** of letters, (2) **batch** processing

I baked a **batch** of cookies for the office party.

acknowledged

adj. recognized or admitted as being true or valid

synonym : recognized, accepted, admitted

(1) **acknowledged** beauty, (2) publicly **acknowledged** truth

His **acknowledged** expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

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.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper

Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

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.

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.

congenital

adj. existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth

synonym: innate, inborn, inherent

(1) **congenital** disease, (2) **congenital** disorder

Congenital heart defects can often be diagnosed before a baby is born.

defect

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

synonym: fault, blemish, flaw

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

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

pity

n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain

synonym: sympathy, compassion, mercy

(1) allow self- **pity**, (2) **pity** speech

It is a **pity** that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

synonym: greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

blockbuster

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

synonym: hit, success, smash

(1) **blockbuster** movie, (2) international **blockbuster**

The new action movie is expected to be a **blockbuster** hit.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is

due to child support problems.

wheelchair

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

(1) electric-powered **wheelchair**, (2) **wheelchair** accessibility

This library rents out various types of folding **wheelchairs** for visitors.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym: wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

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.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

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

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

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

lifesaving

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

(1) **lifesaving** efforts, (2) **lifesaving** device

The patient needs a **lifesaving** transplant operation.

kidney

n. either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

(1) an artificial **kidney**, (2) chronic **kidney** disease

The surgeon removed the healthy **kidney** from the donor.

transplant

v. to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

synonym: relocate, emigrate, graft

(1) **transplant** a heart, (2) **transplant** my family to America
He tried to **transplant** the seedling into a larger pot.

retarded

adj. (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn

synonym: delayed, impeded, slow

(1) **retarded** growth, (2) **retarded** child

The project was delayed due to some technical problems, and it was considered **retarded**.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

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.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

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.

angelic

adj. resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

synonym: heavenly, celestial, divine

(1) **angelic** face, (2) **angelic** choir

The singer's **angelic** voice brought tears to the audience's eyes.

ableism

n. discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities

synonym: discrimination, bias, prejudice

(1) **ableism** awareness, (2) **ableism** discrimination

Many people with disabilities face **ableism** daily in the workplace or public spaces.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

- (1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

device

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

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

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

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

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym : messenger, spirit, celestial being

- (1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym : back, end, behind

- (1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

- (1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

giddy

adj. feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability

synonym : dizzy, lightheaded, vertiginous

(1) **giddy** with excitement, (2) a **giddy** ride

The rollercoaster ride left her feeling **giddy** and disoriented.

halo

n. a circular band of light around the head of a saint or holy person in the art, often representing a spiritual aura; a circular band of light around the sun or moon, especially during an eclipse

synonym : aura, nimbus, glory

(1) **halo** effect, (2) **halo** around the moon

The painting of the saint had a golden **halo** surrounding her head, symbolizing her holiness.

pageant

n. a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition

synonym : parade, spectacle, show

(1) **pageant** queen, (2) national **pageant**

The beauty **pageant** contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.

insinuate

v. to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly

synonym : hint, suggest, imply

(1) **insinuate** ideas, (2) **insinuate** doubt

He tried to **insinuate** that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym : adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

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.

rascal

n. a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, scamp

(1) mischievous **rascal**, (2) street **rascal**

Despite being a **rascal** in his youth, he grew up to be a respectable man.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym : push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

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.

annoy

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

synonym : aggravate, irritate, unsettle

(1) **annoy** at the time, (2) **annoy** everyone else

Her constant chatter was starting to **annoy** the neighbors.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose
The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy
synonym: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling
His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**
The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

app

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

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**
The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

recall

v. to remember something
synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name
She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
synonym:

depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

awe

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

synonym: wonder, amazement, reverence

(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation

The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

flex

v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily

synonym: bend, stretch, extend

(1) **flex** a finger, (2) **flex** diplomatic muscle

The gymnast was able to **flex** his muscles to perform the

difficult routine.

thumb

n. the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger;
(verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

synonym: digit, finger, phalange

(1) **thumb** wrestling, (2) **thumb** a ride

He used his right **thumb** to press the button on his phone.

preposition

n. a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)

synonym: connective, particle, word

(1) English **preposition**, (2) complex **preposition**

When learning a new language, understanding the use of **prepositions** can be quite challenging.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym: noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

apropos

adj. concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way

synonym: concerning, relevant, (adverb) timely

(1) **apropos** expression, (2) arrived **apropos**

His **apropos-of-nothing** comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym : bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
2. f__x diplomatic muscle *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
3. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
4. chronic ki____y disease *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
5. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
6. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
7. the evidence of the pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
8. st____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
9. who____ted support *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
10. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

ANSWERS: 1. gradual, 2. flex, 3. label, 4. kidney, 5. brain, 6. consume, 7. presence, 8. stunning, 9. wholehearted, 10. dam

11. tra_____nt a heart *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
12. spinal c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
13. p__y speech *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
14. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
15. have an ou__e of confidence *n.* a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams
16. un___r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
17. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
18. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 11. transplant, 12. cord, 13. pity, 14. surprisingly, 15. ounce, 16. unfair, 17. icon, 18. concrete

19. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
20. high to___e *n.* a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;
21. occ_____on disease *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
22. a feeling of a_e *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
23. bu__y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
24. lif_____ng efforts *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
25. or_____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
26. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
27. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
28. native to___e *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language

ANSWERS: 19. rhythm, 20. torque, 21. occupation, 22. awe, 23. bully, 24. lifesaving, 25. organic, 26. relative, 27. curiosity, 28. tongue

29. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
30. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
31. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
32. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
33. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
34. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
35. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
36. ab_____m discrimination *n.* discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
37. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
38. pa_____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

ANSWERS: 29. complicated, 30. decide, 31. flaw, 32. strive, 33. delay, 34. intellect, 35. app, 36. ableism, 37. institutionalize, 38. parable

39. international blo_____er *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
40. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
41. electric-powered whe_____ir *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
42. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
43. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
44. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
45. 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
46. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
47. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
48. field of gene th_____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
49. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 39. blockbuster, 40. insidious, 41. wheelchair, 42. hell, 43. mobility, 44. erase, 45. decide, 46. deny, 47. eager, 48. therapy, 49. device

50. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
51. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
52. 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
53. achieve perfect equ_____ty *n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations
54. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
55. ne_____gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
56. re_____e at the moment *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
57. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
58. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 50. represent, 51. disappoint, 52. tip, 53. equanimity, 54. roll, 55. neurology, 56. rejoice, 57. strive, 58. medical

59. sm__k after playing a prank *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
60. a ce_____ar phone handset *adj.* of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires
61. an active to_____r *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
62. an_____c face *adj.* resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance
63. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
64. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
65. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
66. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

ANSWERS: 59. smirk, 60. cellular, 61. toddler, 62. angelic, 63. hail, 64. initially, 65. insidious, 66. arch

67. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
68. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
69. lose equ_____ty *n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations
70. gr_____ng tale *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
71. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
72. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
73. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
74. whe_____ir accessibility *n.* a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk
75. sy_____me of dementia *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
76. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something

ANSWERS: 67. tragedy, 68. complexity, 69. equanimity, 70. gripping, 71. proceed, 72. practically, 73. calm, 74. wheelchair, 75. syndrome, 76. attitude

77. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
78. an__y everyone else *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
79. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
80. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
81. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
82. 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
83. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
84. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
85. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
86. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

ANSWERS: 77. warn, 78. annoy, 79. unequivocal, 80. sticky, 81. grip, 82. function, 83. warn, 84. therapy, 85. practically, 86. disability

87. occ_____on of a building *n.* a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
88. lif_____ng device *n.* the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning
89. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
90. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
91. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
92. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
93. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
94. visual de____ts *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
95. the end of chr_____me *n.* a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like
96. fever with neu_____cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
97. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 87. occupation, 88. lifesaving, 89. flaw, 90. ancient, 91. gradual, 92. swallow, 93. weigh, 94. defect, 95. chromosome, 96. neurological, 97. tragedy

98. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
99. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
100. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
101. to___e cancer *n.* a moveable mass of muscle tissue covered with mucous membrane that is in the mouth; a language
102. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
103. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
104. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
105. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 98. stereotype, 99. label, 100. develop, 101. tongue, 102. communicate, 103. din, 104. superhero, 105. unfold

106. fire st__k
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
107. start a new th___d
- n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
108. me__y data
- adj.* disorganized and untidy
109. ma_____st displeasure
- v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
110. three-fourths of a po__d
- n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
111. boundless cu_____ty
- n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
112. wi___e her lips
- v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
113. we__h heavily on stock prices
- v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 106. stick, 107. thread, 108. messy, 109. manifest, 110. pound, 111. curiosity, 112. wiggle, 113. weigh

114. who_____ted commitment *adj.* sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
115. med_____on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
116. 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
117. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
118. arm sp____t *n.* a rigid or flexible device used to immobilize or support a broken or injured bone or joint, often made of wood, metal, or other sturdy materials and commonly used in first aid or medical settings
119. eat or_____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
120. lo____n grip *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
121. de____ts of character *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

ANSWERS: 114. wholehearted, 115. medication, 116. function, 117. deny, 118. splint, 119. organic, 120. loosen, 121. defect

122. sh__g his shoulders sadly *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
123. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
124. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
125. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
126. commit su____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
127. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
128. ack____ged beauty *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
129. re____ed child *adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn
130. sm__k confidently *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

ANSWERS: 122. shrug, 123. brand, 124. angel, 125. labor, 126. suicide, 127. fluid, 128. acknowledged, 129. retarded, 130. smirk

131. needs of pr____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
132. h__o around the moon *n.* a circular band of light around the head of a saint or holy person in the art, often representing a spiritual aura; a circular band of light around the sun or moon, especially during an eclipse
133. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
134. o__x stone *n.* a semiprecious or precious stone, typically black or white with bands of alternating colors; a variety of fine-grained chalcedony
135. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
136. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
137. f__x a finger *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
138. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
139. a working dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
140. have dis____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
141. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 131. pregnant, 132. halo, 133. fluid, 134. onyx, 135. tight, 136. rear, 137. flex, 138. norm, 139. draft, 140. disastrous, 141. logic

142. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
143. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
144. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
145. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
146. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
147. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
148. th__b wrestling *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
149. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
150. re_____ed growth *adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn
151. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
152. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

ANSWERS: 142. institutionalize, 143. disability, 144. intent, 145. soil, 146. diagnose, 147. norm, 148. thumb, 149. mobility, 150. retarded, 151. consume, 152. dam

153. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
154. 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
155. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
156. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
157. de___e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
158. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
159. lo___n knot *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
160. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
161. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
162. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 153. mysterious, 154. tip, 155. delay, 156. logic, 157. devise, 158. communicate, 159. loosen, 160. tragic, 161. eager, 162. stick

163. bo___e back from failure
v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
164. l__n athletic figure
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
165. sp___t bandage
n. a rigid or flexible device used to immobilize or support a broken or injured bone or joint, often made of wood, metal, or other sturdy materials and commonly used in first aid or medical settings
166. arrived ap____s
adj. concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
167. untold de____r
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
168. pr____us information
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
169. s__ls retentive of moisture
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
170. ou__e weight
n. a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams
171. electrical c__d
n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
172. su____e attack
n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 163. bounce, 164. lean, 165. splint, 166. apropos, 167. despair, 168. precious, 169. soil, 170. ounce, 171. cord, 172. suicide

173. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
174. street ra____l *n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel
175. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
176. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
177. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
178. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
179. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
180. in samba rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
181. in a_e of the situation *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
182. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 173. blueprint, 174. rascal, 175. inherent, 176. judge, 177. icon, 178. initially, 179. manifest, 180. rhythm, 181. awe, 182. device

183. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
184. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
185. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
186. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
187. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
188. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
189. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
190. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
191. pa_____t queen *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
192. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
193. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 183. proceed, 184. absolutely, 185. grip, 186. blueprint, 187. fulfill, 188. complicated, 189. eventually, 190. magical, 191. pageant, 192. tight, 193. swallow

194. to___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
195. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
196. complex pre_____on *n.* a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)
197. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
198. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
199. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
200. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
201. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
202. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes

ANSWERS: 194. toilet, 195. belly, 196. preposition, 197. eventually, 198. stereotype, 199. posit, 200. deserve, 201. bold, 202. celebrated

203. temporary me____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
204. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
205. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
206. po_____ed by a fox *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
207. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
208. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
209. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
210. customer with inc_____te credit histories *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
211. a gi__y ride *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
212. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 203. medical, 204. dangle, 205. chunk, 206. possessed, 207. angel, 208. bully, 209. din, 210. incomplete, 211. giddy, 212. pound

213. like a person po_____ed
adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
214. cognitive ne_____gy
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
215. jo___e my elbow
v. to push, elbow, or bump against someone or something in a forceful or crowded way; to compete with or struggle against another person or group for space, resources, or attention
216. re___e music
n. a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, characterized by its rhythmic and syncopated style, prominent bass lines, and lyrics often addressing social or political themes
217. h__o effect
n. a circular band of light around the head of a saint or holy person in the art, often representing a spiritual aura; a circular band of light around the sun or moon, especially during an eclipse
218. de_____e this prize
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
219. abl_____ed worker
adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength
220. th___d a catheter
n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 213. possessed, 214. neurology, 215. jostle, 216. reggae, 217. halo, 218. deserve, 219. able-bodied, 220. thread

221. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
222. ap____s expression *adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
223. English pre_____on *n.* a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)
224. gi__y with excitement *adj.* feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability
225. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
226. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
227. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
228. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

ANSWERS: 221. pursue, 222. apropos, 223. preposition, 224. giddy, 225. despair, 226. diagnose, 227. pursue, 228. belly

229. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
230. an artificial ki___y *n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine
231. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
232. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
233. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
234. black o__x *n.* a semiprecious or precious stone, typically black or white with bands of alternating colors; a variety of fine-grained chalcedony
235. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
236. con_____al disorder *adj.* existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth
237. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
238. su_____ro movies *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

ANSWERS: 229. brain, 230. kidney, 231. recall, 232. inherent, 233. bounce, 234. onyx, 235. mysterious, 236. congenital, 237. screw, 238. superhero

239. gr_____ng documentary *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
240. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
241. manual la___r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
242. g___e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
243. the a___h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
244. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
245. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
246. have an un___r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

ANSWERS: 239. gripping, 240. fulfill, 241. labor, 242. gaze, 243. arch, 244. complexity, 245. pat, 246. unfair

247. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
248. st____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
249. th__b a ride *n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists
250. absolutely dis____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
251. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
252. his majestic pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
253. biblical pa____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
254. blo____er movie *n.* a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money
255. jo____e for position *v.* to push, elbow, or bump against someone or something in a forceful or crowded way; to compete with or struggle against another person or group for space, resources, or attention
256. a co____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

ANSWERS: 247. gaze, 248. stunning, 249. thumb, 250. disastrous, 251. roll, 252. presence, 253. parable, 254. blockbuster, 255. jostle, 256. concrete

257. ce____ar and molecular biology *adj.* of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires
258. ba__h processing *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
259. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
260. the r__r gate *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
261. acute sy____me *n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
262. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
263. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
264. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
265. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

ANSWERS: 257. cellular, 258. batch, 259. brand, 260. rear, 261. syndrome, 262. release, 263. release, 264. lean, 265. devise

266. da___e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
267. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
268. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
269. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
270. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
271. 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
272. y__k at a rope *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
273. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
274. to___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

ANSWERS: 266. dangle, 267. bold, 268. ancient, 269. absolutely, 270. develop, 271. intent, 272. yank, 273. colleague, 274. toilet

275. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
276. publicly ack_____ged truth *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
277. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
278. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
279. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
280. neu_____cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
281. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
282. to_____r in nappy *n.* a young child who has recently learned to walk
283. li___r my body *v.* to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity
284. li___r up with some stretching exercises *v.* to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity
285. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
286. a sex chr_____me *n.* a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like

ANSWERS: 275. bias, 276. acknowledged, 277. sticky, 278. shove, 279. shove, 280. neurological, 281. colleague, 282. toddler, 283. limber, 284. limber, 285. calm, 286. chromosome

287. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
288. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
289. sh__g off the importance *v.* to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested
290. abl____ed athlete *adj.* having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength
291. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
292. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
293. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
294. re____e over a victory *v.* to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event
295. inc____te information *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
296. respect for human di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
297. ped____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

ANSWERS: 287. unfold, 288. precious, 289. shrug, 290. able-bodied, 291. pat, 292. chunk, 293. draft, 294. rejoice, 295. incomplete, 296. dignity, 297. pediatrics

298. in_____te doubt *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
299. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
300. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
301. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
302. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
303. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
304. mischievous ra____l *n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel
305. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
306. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
307. in_____te ideas *v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
308. receive an une_____al answer *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

ANSWERS: 298. insinuate, 299. strength, 300. represent, 301. strength, 302. screw, 303. independence, 304. rascal, 305. independence, 306. dignity, 307. insinuate, 308. unequivocal

309. y__k out a tooth *v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement
310. a ba__h of letters *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
311. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
312. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
313. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
314. an__y at the time *v.* to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly
315. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
316. wi___e with excitement *v.* to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements
317. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
318. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 309. yank, 310. batch, 311. surprisingly, 312. erase, 313. judge, 314. annoy, 315. hell, 316. wiggle, 317. pregnant, 318. intellect

319. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
320. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
321. re____e artist *n.* a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, characterized by its rhythmic and syncopated style, prominent bass lines, and lyrics often addressing social or political themes
322. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
323. re____l his name *v.* to remember something
324. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
325. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
326. tr____c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
327. national pa_____t *n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
328. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 319. celebrated, 320. magical, 321. reggae, 322. attitude, 323. recall, 324. relative, 325. messy, 326. tragic, 327. pageant, 328. hail

329. to___e settings *n.* a twisting or rotational force that tends to cause rotation around an axis; a measure of the force that can cause an object to rotate;
330. a d__l pain *adj.* not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
331. antibiotic med_____on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
332. an_____c choir *adj.* resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance
333. d__l sight *adj.* not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
334. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
335. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
336. allow self-p__y *n.* a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
337. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
338. tra_____nt my family to America *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

ANSWERS: 329. torque, 330. dull, 331. medication, 332. angelic, 333. dull, 334. bias, 335. pediatrics, 336. pity, 337. posit, 338. transplant

339. ab_____m awareness *n.* discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
340. con_____al disease *adj.* existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth
341. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
342. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 339. ableism, 340. congenital, 341. disappoint, 342. app

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I have limited _____ in my arms.
n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

2. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.
n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

3. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

4. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

5. The _____ movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.
adj. engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

6. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.
adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

7. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

ANSWERS: 1. mobility, 2. parables, 3. Soil, 4. stick, 5. gripping, 6. rear, 7. superhero

8. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.
- n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
9. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
10. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
11. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
- adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
12. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
13. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
14. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
15. He tried to _____ the memories from his brain.
- v.* to pull something or someone forcefully with a sudden movement

ANSWERS: 8. medication, 9. magical, 10. warn, 11. celebrated, 12. icons, 13. logic, 14. independence, 15. yank

16. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

17. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

18. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

19. They will _____ between various emotional states.

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

20. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

21. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

22. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

23. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

24. The painting of the saint had a golden _____ surrounding her head, symbolizing her holiness.

n. a circular band of light around the head of a saint or holy person in the art, often representing a spiritual aura; a circular band of light around the sun or moon, especially during an eclipse

ANSWERS: 16. initially, 17. medical, 18. toilet, 19. bounce, 20. organic, 21. communicate, 22. presence, 23. arch, 24. halo

25. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

26. _____ heart defects can often be diagnosed before a baby is born.

- adj.* existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth

27. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

- adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

28. He used his right _____ to press the button on his phone.

- n.* the short, thick digit of the hand next to the index finger; (verb) to travel by getting free rides from motorists

29. Despite being a _____ in his youth, he grew up to be a respectable man.

- n.* a mischievous or playful person often used affectionately; a rogue or scoundrel

30. A business plan is a _____ for your success.

- n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

31. After my skiing accident, I had to wear a leg _____ for several weeks.

- n.* a rigid or flexible device used to immobilize or support a broken or injured bone or joint, often made of wood, metal, or other sturdy materials and commonly used in first aid or medical settings

32. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.

- adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

ANSWERS: 25. swallowed, 26. Congenital, 27. unfair, 28. thumb, 29. rascal, 30. blueprint, 31. splint, 32. sticky

33. This factory employs a _____ manufacturing system.

adj. of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires

34. This library rents out various types of folding _____ for visitors.

n. a chair fitted with large wheels for use as a means of transport by a person who is unable to walk

35. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

36. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

37. The new action movie is expected to be a _____ hit.

n. a movie, book, or other product that is extremely successful and popular, especially one that makes much money

38. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

39. Please _____ the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

ANSWERS: 33. cellular, 34. wheelchairs, 35. hail, 36. despair, 37. blockbuster, 38. suicide, 39. loosen

40. He tried to _____ the seedling into a larger pot.

- v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another

41. She researched gender _____ in politics.

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

42. 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

43. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

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

44. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.

- v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

45. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.

- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

46. The CEO's _____ during the crisis helped reassure the investors and employees.

- n.* a state of calmness, stability, and composure, particularly in the face of stress, adversity, or challenging situations

ANSWERS: 40. transplant, 41. bias, 42. function, 43. rolled, 44. dangle, 45. belly, 46. equanimity

47. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
48. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
49. The trade is _____ right now due to the collapse of the prominent investment bank.
- adj.* not interesting or exciting; not bright, vivid, or shiny; not active, brisk, or sharp
50. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
51. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
52. He tried to _____ that he was innocent, but nobody believed him.
- v.* to suggest or imply something indirectly or subtly; to insert something gradually or subtly
53. The band played the perfect blend of _____ and jazz at the music festival.
- n.* a genre of music that originated in Jamaica in the late 1960s, characterized by its rhythmic and syncopated style, prominent bass lines, and lyrics often addressing social or political themes

ANSWERS: 47. thread, 48. calm, 49. dull, 50. mysterious, 51. strength, 52. insinuate, 53. reggae

54. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.
n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something
55. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
56. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
57. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
58. 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
59. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
60. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
61. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

ANSWERS: 54. chunk, 55. gradual, 56. gazed, 57. brain, 58. tips, 59. attitude, 60. complicated, 61. diagnose

62. He couldn't help but _____ when he heard her absurd excuse.
- v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
63. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
64. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.
- adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
65. It is a _____ that the concert had to be canceled due to the storm.
- n. a feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering or misfortunes of others; an object of contempt or disdain
66. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
- v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
67. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
68. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
- n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
69. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.
- n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

ANSWERS: 62. smirk, 63. develop, 64. eager, 65. pity, 66. delayed, 67. consume, 68. angel, 69. awe-inspiring

70. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
71. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.
adj. disorganized and untidy
72. I baked a _____ of cookies for the office party.
n. a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
73. Many people with disabilities face _____ daily in the workplace or public spaces.
n. discrimination or prejudice against people with disabilities; the belief that non-disabled individuals are superior to those with disabilities
74. The police stopped the suspicious person and asked him to give his name, address, and _____.
n. a person's job or profession; the act of taking possession
75. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.
adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
76. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
77. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 70. device, 71. messy, 72. batch, 73. ableism, 74. occupation, 75. disastrous, 76. tragic, 77. relatives

78. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
79. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
80. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
81. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
82. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
83. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.
n. a substance that can flow and is not solid
84. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
85. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
86. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 78. erase, 79. release, 80. posit, 81. draft, 82. norms, 83. fluid, 84. disability, 85. grip, 86. judge

87. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

88. When learning a new language, understanding the use of _____ can be quite challenging.

n. a word or group of words that shows the relationship of a noun or pronoun to another word in a sentence, indicating location, time, direction, or manner (e.g., in, on, at, above, before, after)

89. 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 language

90. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

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

91. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

92. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

93. His _____ expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

adj. recognized or admitted as being true or valid

ANSWERS: 87. unequivocal, 88. prepositions, 89. tongue, 90. pounds, 91. tragedy, 92. labor, 93. acknowledged

94. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

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

95. One _____ of gold is worth much money.

n. a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams

96. I respect her ability to _____ off harsh criticism.

v. to raise your shoulders and then drop them to say you do not know or are not interested

97. The break in the _____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

98. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

99. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

100. The patient needs a _____ transplant operation.

n. the act or process of rescuing someone else's life, especially from drowning

101. They have been living near water since _____ times.

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

102. The researcher criticized the study due to _____ data.

adj. not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished

ANSWERS: 94. fulfilled, 95. ounce, 96. shrug, 97. dam, 98. recalls, 99. absolutely, 100. lifesaving, 101. ancient, 102. incomplete

103. She intends to _____ a political career.

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

104. The surgeon removed the healthy _____ from the donor.

- n.* either of a pair of small organs in the body that filter waste products, especially urea, from the blood and excrete them and water in urine

105. His _____ comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.

- adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way

106. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

- v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

107. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors

- v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

108. The project was delayed due to some technical problems, and it was considered _____.

- adj.* (considered derogatory) delayed or impeded in intellectual or emotional development; slow to learn

109. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

- adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 103. pursue, 104. kidney, 105. apropos-of-nothing, 106. weighs, 107. manifested, 108. retarded, 109. insidious

110. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

111. The ____ of the city was overwhelming.

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

112. She is studying clinical _____ to become a brain surgeon.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

113. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

114. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

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

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

116. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

117. Her hips _____ as she walks.

v. to move or cause to move up and down or from side to side in short and quick movements

ANSWERS: 110. eventually, 111. din, 112. neurology, 113. pediatrics, 114. stunning, 115. intellect, 116. concrete, 117. wiggle

118. I had to _____ through the crowded concert to get to the front of the stage.
- v. to push, elbow, or bump against someone or something in a forceful or crowded way; to compete with or struggle against another person or group for space, resources, or attention
119. 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
120. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
121. 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
122. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.
- v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
123. She put her _____ effort into finishing the project on time.
- adj. sincere, genuine, and enthusiastic; with complete devotion or commitment
124. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
125. The gymnast was able to _____ his muscles to perform the difficult routine.
- v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily

ANSWERS: 118. jostle, 119. intent, 120. represent, 121. complexity, 122. patted, 123. wholehearted, 124. unfolded, 125. flex

126. The rollercoaster ride left her feeling _____ and disoriented.

adj. feeling dizzy or lightheaded; inclined to be easily excited or amused; lacking seriousness or stability

127. She was _____ by a fierce determination to succeed.

adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

128. A _____ needs constant supervision and firm control.

n. a young child who has recently learned to walk

129. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

130. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

131. The store is _____ empty.

adv. almost or nearly

132. The job posting required an _____ person for heavy lifting.

adj. having a healthy and strong body capable of physical activities; not suffering from physical disabilities that limit movement or strength

133. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

134. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 126. giddy, 127. possessed, 128. toddler, 129. shoved, 130. therapy, 131. practically, 132. able-bodied, 133. colleague, 134. hell

135. They _____ to make their dream come true.

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

136. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

137. The singer's _____ voice brought tears to the audience's eyes.

adj. resembling or having the qualities of an angel, such as purity, kindness, and gentle beauty; divine or heavenly; having an innocent, unspoiled appearance

138. Human females normally have two X _____.

n. a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like

139. We should all _____ in the good things life has to offer.

v. to feel or express great joy or happiness; to celebrate or express gratitude for a happy or positive situation or event

140. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

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

141. 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

142. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 135. strived, 136. disappoint, 137. angelic, 138. chromosomes, 139. rejoice, 140. inherent, 141. decide, 142. Lean

143. She vacated the position when she got _____.

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

144. Her constant chatter was starting to _____ the neighbors.

v. to make someone angry, anxious, or irritating slightly

145. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

146. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

147. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

148. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

149. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

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

150. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

ANSWERS: 143. pregnant, 144. annoy, 145. brand, 146. stereotypes, 147. rhythm, 148. curiosity, 149. label, 150. proceed

151. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

152. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

153. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

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

154. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

155. You need to _____ up before starting to exercise to prevent injury.

v. to make or become more flexible, particularly with exercise or stretching; to prepare oneself mentally or physically for a task or activity

156. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

157. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

158. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 151. bully, 152. denying, 153. app's, 154. flaw, 155. limber, 156. surprisingly, 157. devise, 158. bold

159. The patient was diagnosed with a rare genetic _____.
- n.* a group of signs and symptoms that occur together and are characteristic of a particular condition or disorder
160. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
161. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
- v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
162. The beauty _____ contestants all looked stunning in their gowns.
- n.* a public spectacle or display, often involving colorful costumes, music, and elaborate sets; a contest in which people participate, often involving a parade, talent show, or beauty competition
163. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.
- n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
164. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
165. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ disorder affecting their motor skills.
- adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
166. The national election was held amid _____ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 159. syndrome, 160. precious, 161. deserved, 162. pageant, 163. Defects, 164. institutionalize, 165. neurological, 166. tight

167. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.

- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

168. She adorned her necklace with a beautiful _____ pendant.

- n.* a semiprecious or precious stone, typically black or white with bands of alternating colors; a variety of fine-grained chalcedony

169. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

- v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

170. Your spinal _____ is located deep within your body.

- n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

171. The mechanic used a _____ wrench to tighten the bolts on the car engine.

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

ANSWERS: 167. dignity, 168. onyx, 169. screw, 170. cord, 171. torque