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Session 1: Word List

shuffle

v. to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps

synonym: jumble, muddle, rearrange

(1) **shuffle** deck, (2) **shuffle** from side to side

She **shuffled** the cards before dealing them to the players.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

fresco

n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous

image

synonym : mural, painting, wall art

(1) medieval **fresco**, (2) **fresco** secco

The **fresco** paintings in the church were over 500 years old.

chapel

n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship

synonym : sanctuary, church, place of worship

(1) a **chapel** royal, (2) **chapel** bell

The spacious **chapel** was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.

threshold

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

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

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

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

soar

v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease

synonym : fly, rise, ascend

(1) **soar** in popularity, (2) **soar** to new heights

The bird **soared** through the sky, and its wings spread wide.

dome

n. a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base

synonym : hemisphere, cupola, vaults

(1) snow **dome**, (2) **dome** structure

The cathedral **dome** soared high above, its stained-glass windows casting colorful light on the altar below.

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.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

decoration

n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

synonym: adornment, ornament, embellishment

(1) colorful **decorations**, (2) chocolate **decorations** for cakes

The room was filled with beautiful **decorations** for the wedding reception.

tapestry

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

synonym: embroidery, hanging, cloth

(1) colorful **tapestry**, (2) intricate **tapestry** design

The **tapestry** on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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.

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym: acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym: surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

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.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym : clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

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

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

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

ecclesiastical

adj. relating to the Christian Church, its hierarchy, or its clergy; pertaining to religious matters or the practice of organized religion

synonym : religious, churchly, sacred

(1) **ecclesiastical** authority, (2) **ecclesiastical** architecture

The grand cathedral stood as a symbol of **ecclesiastical** power and influence.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

ignite

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

synonym : light, set fire to, ignite

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

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

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym : thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic **excitement**

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym : border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

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.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

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.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

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.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

circumstance

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

synonym : condition, context, environment

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

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

scope

n. the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that

synonym : content, coverage, extent

(1) **scope** of a project, (2) have broad **scope**

The **scope** of human thought is diverse.

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym : narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

perspective

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

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

worldview

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

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

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

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

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym : greatly, noticeably, suddenly

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

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

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

Jewish

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

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

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

synonym : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group

synonym : gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle

The president began to **assemble** an army.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym : cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

frieze

n. a decorative band or strip that is placed horizontally on a wall, often just below the ceiling or the cornice

synonym : molding, decoration, embellishment

(1) the **frieze** on the fireplace, (2) decorative **frieze**

The **frieze** on the temple depicted scenes from mythology.

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym : sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and

relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym : memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym : deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym : distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

addition

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

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

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

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

continent

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

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

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym: skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**
As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output
They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

microcosm

n. a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

synonym: miniature, tiny world, little universe

(1) soil **microcosm**, (2) environmental **microcosm**
The small town felt like a **microcosm** of the larger society.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music
Mozart was a musical **genius**.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas
The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

awesome

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

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

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

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

tap

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

synonym : knock, exploit, use

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

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

decorate

v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

synonym : adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

ceiling

n. a room's top interior surface

synonym : canopy, awning, shelter

(1) **ceiling** board, (2) **ceiling** light

There was a crack in the **ceiling** that I found.

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

stack

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

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

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

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

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.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym: statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym: contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

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.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

prospect

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

synonym: hope, possibility, expectation

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

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

sculptural

adj. relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance

synonym: sculpted, carved, modeled

(1) **sculptural** masterpiece, (2) **sculptural** design

The **sculptural** details on the building's facade were simply stunning.

apostle

n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings

synonym: messenger, envoy, delegate

(1) **Apostle** Paul, (2) an **apostle** of revolution

The twelve **apostles** were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.

decorative

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

synonym : ornamental, beautifying, embellishing

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

The **decorative** tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym : challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

genesis

n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind

synonym : beginning, creation, provenance

(1) the **genesis** of civilization, (2) in the Book of **Genesis**

The politician's remarks became the **genesis** of the clash between the two countries.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

narrative

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

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

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.

accustomed

adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation

synonym: familiar, customary, habitual

(1) **accustomed** routine, (2) **accustomed** to complaints

I am **accustomed** to waking up early for work.

chisel

n. a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior

synonym : gouge, bevel, plane

(1) sharpen **chisel**, (2) **chisel** some money

The archaeologist used a small **chisel** to excavate the ancient artifact.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym : stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

dynamic

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

synonym : energetic, active, vital

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

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

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(*noun*) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

brazen

adj. bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)

synonym : audacious, bold, impudent

(1) **brazen** lie, (2) **brazen** painted faces

The **brazen** thief stole the diamond right out of the display case.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym : sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

moniker

n. a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given

synonym : name, nickname, alias

(1) royal **moniker**, (2) commonly used **moniker**

The **moniker** of The King of Pop will forever be associated with Michael Jackson.

warrior

n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past

synonym : fighter, soldier, combatant

(1) armored **warrior**, (2) **warrior** spirit

The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary **warrior**.

fortress

n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

synonym : castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

artillery

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

synonym : guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**

The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym : decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

basilica

n. a large and important church, typically one with a nave, aisles, and a raised platform at one or both ends, and often a higher central area

(1) Saint Peter's **Basilica**, (2) ancient Roman **basilicas**

The **basilica's** architecture was characterized by a long central nave, with aisles on either side and a large apse at one end, often used as a sanctuary.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

decidedly

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

synonym: definitely, absolutely, positively

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

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

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym: germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success
We cannot **envision** her as President.

vat *n.* a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids
synonym : barrel, cask, container

(1) **vat** of acid, (2) a large **vat** for fermenting beer
The restaurant owner bought a large **vat** of cooking oil for frying.

eternal *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
synonym : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling
In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

relevance *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category
The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

grandeur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
synonym : splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**
The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

encounter *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
synonym : meet, run into, come across

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

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

giant

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

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

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

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

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

skeleton

n. the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

synonym : bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand
Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym : team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**
She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using

different voices for other characters.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

enclosure

n. a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected

synonym : compartment, partition, wall

(1) the **enclosure** of a city, (2) **enclosure** gate

The **enclosure** held several exotic animals, including lions and tigers.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

clergy

n. the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church

synonym : priesthood, church, ministry

(1) **clergy** abuse, (2) privilege of **clergy**

The secular **clergy** improved the atmosphere of the meeting.

peer

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

synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

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

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

distance

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

synonym : space, gap, span

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

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short

amount of time.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym : question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym : start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym : basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

churning

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

synonym : agitation, turmoil, commotion

(1) butter **churning**, (2) **churning** emotions

The **churning** of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

blur

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

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

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

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

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.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym : appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

synonym : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym : flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

caesura

n. a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation

synonym : pause, break, interruption

(1) **caesura** in poetry, (2) create a **caesura** effect

The song had a melodic **caesura** that added a sense of drama to the lyrics.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air

synonym : hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the

table

Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

handicraft

n. a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving

synonym: craft, handmade, artisanry

(1) **handicraft** workshop, (2) traditional **handicrafts**

She spent her free time making **handicrafts** like pottery and crocheting to sell at the local market.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym: hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

culmination

n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

synonym: climax, completion, ending

(1) the **culmination** of her ambition, (2) **culmination**

altitude

Their achievements stand as a **culmination** of centuries of

development.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

languid

adj. displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest

synonym : lazy, lackadaisical, slow

(1) **languid** summer afternoon, (2) **languid** movements

The **languid** pace of the rural town was a refreshing change from the bustling city life.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym : inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

impel

v. to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction

synonym : drive, compel, urge

(1) **impel** action, (2) **impel** him to take on an extra job

His passion for social justice **impelled** him to join the protest march.

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

pinnacle

n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

synonym : summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

curveball

n. a pitch in baseball that breaks unexpectedly; a surprising or unexpected twist or turn in a situation

synonym : surprise, twist, deviation

(1) life's little **curveball**, (2) **curveball** situation

The pitcher threw a sharp **curveball** that the batter was not expecting.

eve

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

synonym : evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

afterthought

n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

synonym : reconsideration, second thought, reconsideration

(1) **afterthought** comment, (2) an **afterthought** decision

Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an **afterthought** for him.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

- curl**
- v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
- synonym* : coil, curve, spiral
- (1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke
- The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.
- representation**
- n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
- synonym* : delegacy, manifestation, expression
- (1) sales **representation**, (2) binary **representation**
- A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal **representation**.
- sham**
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
- synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent
- (1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
- The data he prepared was completely **sham**.
- critic**
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
- synonym* : pundit, analyst, attacker
- (1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**
- Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.
- junction**
- n.* a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
- synonym* : turning point, crossroads, crisis
- (1) the **junction** of Eastern and Western cultures,
(2) decisive **junction**
- At this **junction** in the project, we must reassess our plans and make some changes.

sanctum

n. a private or sacred place, often a quiet and secure retreat where one can relax, think, or meditate

synonym : shrine, temple, holy place

(1) secret **sanctum**, (2) spiritual **sanctum**

The yoga studio offered a peaceful **sanctum** where customers could escape the hustle and bustle of daily life.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

ark

n. (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods

synonym : boat, vessel, ship

(1) start building an **ark**, (2) **ark** of salvation

According to the story, Noah and his family were the only flood survivors, as they were on the **ark**.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

covenant

n. an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context

synonym : pact, agreement, treaty

(1) **covenant** clause, (2) religious **covenant**

The couple made a **covenant** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

barn

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

synonym : shed, outbuilding, granary

(1) **barn** building, (2) a **barn** for cows

The old **barn** on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

dispel

v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

synonym : chase away, allay, disperse

(1) **dispel** a painful feeling, (2) **dispel** baseless rumors

This program aims to **dispel** certain misconceptions about the disease.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym : darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

emerald

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

synonym : green, verdant, jade

(1) an **emerald** gem, (2) **emerald** ring

The **emerald** green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

topaz

n. a precious gemstone that is typically colorless or pale yellow in its pure form but can also be found in various colors, often used in jewelry and valued for its clarity and brilliance

(1) **topaz** jewelry, (2) pink **topaz**

She wore a stunning necklace adorned with a large **topaz** gemstone.

scarlet

n. a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red

synonym: crimson, ruby, vermilion

(1) **scarlet** petals, (2) **scarlet** lipstick

She wore a **scarlet** dress to the party, making her stand out in the crowd.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym: oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym: location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

sibyl

n. a prophetess or seer in ancient Greek or Roman mythology, often associated with being able to deliver divine messages or predictions; a woman who is regarded as being wise, insightful, or having expert knowledge in a particular field

synonym : prophetess, oracle, fortune teller

(1) mythical **sibyl**, (2) ancient **sibyl**

The **sibyl's** prophecies were sought out by kings and rulers from all over the land.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym : procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

heroine

n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film

synonym : protagonist

(1) medieval **heroine**, (2) tragic **heroine**

The brave **heroine** rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.

motor

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

synonym : actuator, engine, machine

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

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

engine

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

achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

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

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

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym : linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

encroach

v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.

synonym : invade, impinge, infringe

(1) **encroach** on the realm, (2) **encroach** on the habitat of the animal

You have no right to **encroach** on my leisure time.

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.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

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

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

renewal

n. the process of making something new or active again; the act of renewing a subscription, license, etc.

synonym : rejuvenation, revival, refreshment

(1) **renewal** process, (2) license **renewal**

The city is undergoing a **renewal** project that will transform the downtown area.

multitude

n. a large number of things or people

synonym : mass, assembly, hive

(1) great **multitude**, (2) from a **multitude** of sources

This company is faced with a **multitude** of problems.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

immediate

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

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

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

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

yawn

v. to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and

inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

synonym : gape, stretch, open

(1) **yawn** in sleepiness, (2) lazy **yawn**

He couldn't help but **yawn** during the long and boring presentation.

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.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

splinter

n. a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

synonym : shard, fragment, sliver

(1) **splinter** cell, (2) remove a **splinter**

The car window shattered into a million little **splinters** during the crash.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym : fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

desire

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

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym : distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

vision

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

synonym: sight, image, concept

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

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

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

composition

n. the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

synonym: creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done

them.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

vignette

n. a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration

synonym: sketch, drawing, illustration

(1) poignant **vignette**, (2) **vignette** from the incident

The novel has a series of **vignettes** that showcase the everyday struggles of its characters.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**

His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm

someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym : hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

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.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

spotlight

n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person

synonym : limelight, stage light, highlight

(1) **spotlight** effect, (2) **spotlight** moment

The singer was in the **spotlight** as she performed her hit

song.

preside

v. to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

synonym: chair, lead, control

(1) **preside** at the piano, (2) **preside** over ceremony

The **president** will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

assembly

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

synonym: crowd, gathering, mass

(1) **assembly** line, (2) **assembly** hall

This company's **assembly** plant is an enormous facility.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym: paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

setback

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

synonym: obstacle, hindrance, difficulty

(1) major **setback**, (2) suffer a **setback**

The team experienced a **setback** when their star player was injured during the game.

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym: create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

stew

n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

synonym: casserole, hotpot

(1) **stew** meat, (2) vegetable **stew**

I made a delicious beef **stew** for dinner tonight.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

fortitude

n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience

synonym: courage, bravery, endurance

(1) **fortitude** in adversity, (2) mental **fortitude**

She showed great **fortitude** in facing her illness with grace and strength.

mastery

n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity

synonym: proficiency, aptitude, domination

(1) **mastery** of mathematics, (2) strive for **mastery**

The country finally gained **mastery** over the whole land of its neighbors.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym: outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

complaint

n. a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

synonym: grievance, objection, accusation

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

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

nudity

n. the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body

synonym: nakedness, bareness, undress

(1) **nudity** in art, (2) accidental **nudity**

The art exhibit featured a few sculptures that portrayed **nudity**.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym: classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

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.

pornography

n. materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

synonym: obscenity, indecency, smut

(1) **pornography** addiction, (2) violent **pornography**

The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of **pornography** easier than ever before.

courtier

n. a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

synonym: court attendant, noble, attendant

(1) the queen's **courtiers**, (2) flattering **courtier**

The **courtier's** job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

husk

n. the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

synonym: shell, covering, outer layer

(1) **husk** removal, (2) seed **husk**

The **husk** of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

martyr

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

synonym: sufferer, saint

(1) X-ray **martyrs**, (2) a Christian **martyr**

He died a **martyr** to science.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym: victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym: insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

distract

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

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

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

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

exhortation

n. a strong and passionate urging or encouragement to take a specific action or to adopt a particular behavior or attitude

synonym: admonition, urging, counsel

(1) **exhortation** to succeed, (2) political **exhortation**

His powerful **exhortation** motivated the team to give their best performance in the championship.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym: acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

improper

adj. not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context

synonym : inappropriate, unsuitable, incorrect

(1) **improper** behavior, (2) **improper** road use

The patient suffered complications due to **improper** dosage of medication

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym : comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

insistence

n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

synonym : persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective **insistence**, (2) rigid **insistence**

Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

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

anymore

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

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

deface

v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

synonym: disfigure, blemish, wreck

(1) **deface** private property, (2) **deface** the wall with graffiti

The teacher warned the boys not to **deface** public property.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction
The man **paused** before opening the door.

plaster

n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

synonym : cement, adhesive, mortar

(1) daub the ceiling with **plaster**, (2) cracks in the **plaster**
Patience is the **plaster** of all sores.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend
The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

jaw

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

synonym : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle
He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**
She did well on her **geography** exam.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de___e the wall with graffiti *v.* to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
2. a dy____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
3. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
4. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
5. the ke_____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
6. ch___l some money *n.* a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior
7. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
8. a passage from the Bi___e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
9. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 1. deface, 2. dynamic, 3. necessarily, 4. surround, 5. keystone, 6. chisel, 7. engine, 8. bible, 9. overcome

10. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
11. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
12. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
13. nu____y in art *n.* the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body
14. pr____l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
15. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
16. d__e structure *n.* a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
17. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
18. de_____te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
19. the queen's co_____ers *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

ANSWERS: 10. mention, 11. commission, 12. movement, 13. nudity, 14. primal, 15. masterpiece, 16. dome, 17. invention, 18. decorate, 19. courtier

20. spiritual sa____m *n.* a private or sacred place, often a quiet and secure retreat where one can relax, think, or meditate
21. acc____ed to complaints *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
22. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
23. three-year-old ne____w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
24. I__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
25. dy____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
26. strive for ma____y *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
27. de____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
28. pr____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

ANSWERS: 20. sanctum, 21. accustomed, 22. creative, 23. nephew, 24. loom, 25. dynamic, 26. mastery, 27. destiny, 28. prospect

29. co_____nt about price-gouging *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
30. scu_____al masterpiece *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
31. pr___t in clerical garb *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
32. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
33. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
34. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
35. pink to__z *n.* a precious gemstone that is typically colorless or pale yellow in its pure form but can also be found in various colors, often used in jewelry and valued for its clarity and brilliance
36. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
37. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

ANSWERS: 29. complaint, 30. sculptural, 31. priest, 32. distant, 33. eventually, 34. relevance, 35. topaz, 36. blur, 37. obstacle

38. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
39. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
40. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
41. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
42. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
43. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
44. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
45. a beautiful st____e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
46. sy____l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
47. butter ch_____ng *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

ANSWERS: 38. gloom, 39. landscape, 40. triumph, 41. hack, 42. expand, 43. flood, 44. upward, 45. statue, 46. symbol, 47. churning

48. tragic he____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
49. become a professional at____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
50. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
51. ex____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
52. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
53. lazy y__n *v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
54. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
55. a large v_t for fermenting beer *n.* a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids

ANSWERS: 48. heroine, 49. athlete, 50. eve, 51. external, 52. landscape, 53. yawn, 54. render, 55. vat

56. im__l him to take on an extra job *v.* to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction
57. great mu_____de *n.* a large number of things or people
58. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
59. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
60. de_____te a wall *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
61. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
62. snow d__e *n.* a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
63. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
64. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
65. false pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

ANSWERS: 56. impel, 57. multitude, 58. horizon, 59. monument, 60. decorate, 61. equip, 62. dome, 63. embrace, 64. empire, 65. prophet

66. fo____ss wall *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
67. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
68. seed h__k *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
69. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
70. sc_____t lipstick *n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
71. ascend to he___n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
72. ex_____al commerce *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
73. major se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
74. dec_____ve design *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing

ANSWERS: 66. fortress, 67. discovery, 68. husk, 69. sham, 70. scarlet, 71. heaven, 72. external, 73. setback, 74. decorative

75. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
76. the exc_____nt in the business world *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
77. natural gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
78. customer with inc_____te credit histories *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
79. flattering co_____er *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
80. a gl_____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
81. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
82. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
83. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else

ANSWERS: 75. attract, 76. excitement, 77. grandeur, 78. incomplete, 79. courtier, 80. glorious, 81. horizon, 82. worldview, 83. underneath

84. 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
85. fa____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
86. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
87. di____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
88. br____n lie *adj.* bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
89. acc____ed routine *adj.* familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
90. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
91. the hope of et____l life *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
92. the im____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
93. to__z jewelry *n.* a precious gemstone that is typically colorless or pale yellow in its pure form but can also be found in various colors, often used in jewelry and valued for its clarity and brilliance

ANSWERS: 84. label, 85. faraway, 86. pause, 87. distract, 88. brazen, 89. accustomed, 90. suffer, 91. eternal, 92. immediate, 93. topaz

94. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
95. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
96. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
97. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
98. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
99. s__r in popularity *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
100. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
101. a ch___l royal *n.* a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
102. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
103. remove a sp_____er *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger

ANSWERS: 94. lure, 95. awesome, 96. refer, 97. represent, 98. educated, 99. soar, 100. blind, 101. chapel, 102. discovery, 103. splinter

104. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
105. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
106. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
107. book of po_____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
108. di_____l baseless rumors *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
109. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
110. 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
111. a military pa_____e *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
112. ecc_____cal architecture *adj.* relating to the Christian Church, its hierarchy, or its clergy; pertaining to religious matters or the practice of organized religion

ANSWERS: 104. structure, 105. attract, 106. athlete, 107. poetry, 108. dispel, 109. committed, 110. develop, 111. parade, 112. ecclesiastical

113. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
114. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
115. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
116. binary rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
117. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
118. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
119. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
120. exh_____on to succeed *n.* a strong and passionate urging or encouragement to take a specific action or to adopt a particular behavior or attitude
121. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
122. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 113. destination, 114. circumstance, 115. geography, 116. representation, 117. glory, 118. proclaim, 119. cast, 120. exhortation, 121. hover, 122. necessarily

123. the Pa____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
124. vi____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
125. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
126. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
127. aft____ght comment *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
128. mainstream wo____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
129. he____n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
130. the Italian fr____er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

ANSWERS: 123. pacific, 124. visionary, 125. struggle, 126. fig, 127. afterthought, 128. worldview, 129. heaven, 130. frontier

131. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
132. motion b____r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
133. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
134. At_____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
135. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
136. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
137. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
138. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
139. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 131. sculpture, 132. blur, 133. ultimate, 134. Atlantic, 135. universal, 136. mass, 137. geography, 138. critic, 139. tradition

140. in____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
141. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
142. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
143. di____l a painful feeling *v.* to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea
144. as_____ly line *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
145. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
146. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
147. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
148. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
149. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
150. de_____ly unfriendly *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
151. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 140. intimate, 141. editorial, 142. vision, 143. dispel, 144. assembly, 145. mention, 146. commit, 147. destroy, 148. represent, 149. immediate, 150. decidedly, 151. cast

152. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
153. exc_____ce in product design *n.* the quality of being extremely good
154. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
155. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
156. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
157. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
158. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
159. pa____e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
160. highest standards of exc_____ce *n.* the quality of being extremely good
161. im_____er behavior *adj.* not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context

ANSWERS: 152. tap, 153. excellence, 154. triumph, 155. modern, 156. faith, 157. distance, 158. controversy, 159. parade, 160. excellence, 161. improper

162. in____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
163. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
164. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
165. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
166. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
167. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
168. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
169. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
170. aesthetic exc____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
171. have an aw____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
172. vegetable s__w *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

ANSWERS: 162. initial, 163. enormous, 164. crew, 165. crew, 166. forge, 167. angel, 168. hero, 169. technique, 170. excitement, 171. awesome, 172. stew

173. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
174. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
175. ma___e statues *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
176. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
177. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
178. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
179. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
180. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
181. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 173. tight, 174. purity, 175. marble, 176. pacific, 177. confer, 178. alike, 179. origin, 180. visionary, 181. evolution

182. an aft_____ght decision *n.* a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
183. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
184. 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
185. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
186. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
187. tr_____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
188. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
189. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
190. commonly used mo_____r *n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given

ANSWERS: 182. afterthought, 183. threshold, 184. arch, 185. classic, 186. invention, 187. treasure, 188. pray, 189. ignite, 190. moniker

191. an ap_____e of revolution *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
192. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
193. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
194. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
195. pr_____e over ceremony *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
196. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
197. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
198. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
199. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

ANSWERS: 191. apostle, 192. striking, 193. circumstance, 194. continent, 195. preside, 196. extraordinary, 197. distance, 198. purity, 199. inquiry

200. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
201. sp_____er cell *n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
202. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
203. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
204. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
205. ancient Roman ba_____cas *n.* a large and important church, typically one with a nave, aisles, and a raised platform at one or both ends, and often a higher central area
206. sp_____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
207. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
208. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 200. elite, 201. splinter, 202. blanket, 203. Christ, 204. amazing, 205. basilica, 206. spotlight, 207. hero, 208. church

209. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
210. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
211. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
212. a b__n for cows *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock
213. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
214. 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
215. a st__p staircase *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
216. im_____er road use *adj.* not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context
217. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
218. accidental nu___y *n.* the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body

ANSWERS: 209. masterpiece, 210. reform, 211. universe, 212. barn, 213. geopolitical, 214. unfold, 215. steep, 216. improper, 217. desire, 218. nudity

219. colorful ta____ry *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation
220. h__k removal *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
221. fr___o secco *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
222. the cul_____on of her ambition *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
223. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
224. the ge_____s of civilization *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
225. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
226. mental fo_____de *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
227. intricate ta____ry design *n.* a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

ANSWERS: 219. tapestry, 220. husk, 221. fresco, 222. culmination, 223. vision, 224. genesis, 225. artistic, 226. fortitude, 227. tapestry

228. clear in _____ on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
229. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
230. ev _____ on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
231. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
232. mon _____ al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
233. an em _____ d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
234. decorative fr ___e *n.* a decorative band or strip that is placed horizontally on a wall, often just below the ceiling or the cornice
235. pa__l visit *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
236. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
237. racial or ___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
238. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
239. con _____ ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
240. the piano passages in the com _____ on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

ANSWERS: 228. intention, 229. lure, 230. evolution, 231. alike, 232. monumental, 233. emerald, 234. frieze, 235. papal, 236. giant, 237. origin, 238. refer, 239. contemporary, 240. composition

241. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
242. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
243. political exh_____on *n.* a strong and passionate urging or encouragement to take a specific action or to adopt a particular behavior or attitude
244. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
245. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
246. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
247. in_____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
248. military fo_____ss *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
249. rigid ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
250. up___t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

ANSWERS: 241. compromise, 242. statue, 243. exhortation, 244. incredible, 245. Christ, 246. pray, 247. interior, 248. fortress, 249. insistence, 250. uplift

251. in____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
252. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
253. sharpen ch____l *n.* a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior
254. age com_____on of the population *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
255. 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
256. Je____h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
257. por_____hy addiction *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
258. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 251. inquiry, 252. genius, 253. chisel, 254. composition, 255. develop, 256. Jewish, 257. pornography, 258. strength

259. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
260. inc_____te information *adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
261. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
262. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
263. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
264. the ju_____re of Eastern and Western cultures *n.* a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
265. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
266. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
267. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
268. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
269. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
270. mythical si__l *n.* a prophetess or seer in ancient Greek or Roman mythology, often associated with being able to deliver divine messages or predictions; a woman who is regarded as being wise, insightful, or having expert knowledge in a particular field

ANSWERS: 259. dare, 260. incomplete, 261. distant, 262. commit, 263. virtue, 264. juncture, 265. creative, 266. eventually, 267. adversity, 268. intention, 269. universal, 270. sibyl

281. de_____ly different *adv.* in a manner that is beyond doubt or question; in a way that is clear and unmistakable; in an emphatic or determined manner
282. a tr_____l man *adj.* of little value or importance
283. walk along a co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
284. 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
285. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
286. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
287. pa__l authority *adj.* relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
288. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
289. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
290. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
291. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

ANSWERS: 281. decidedly, 282. trivial, 283. corridor, 284. arch, 285. dramatically, 286. monumental, 287. papal, 288. pause, 289. narrative, 290. perspective, 291. deck

292. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
293. nieces and ne____ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
294. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
295. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
296. daub the ceiling with pl____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
297. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
298. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
299. ce____g light *n.* a room's top interior surface
300. privilege of cl____y *n.* the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church
301. ancient si__l *n.* a prophetess or seer in ancient Greek or Roman mythology, often associated with being able to deliver divine messages or predictions; a woman who is regarded as being wise, insightful, or having expert knowledge in a particular field

ANSWERS: 292. ancient, 293. nephew, 294. elect, 295. overcome, 296. plaster, 297.

rev, 298. motor, 299. ceiling, 300. clergy, 301. sibyl

302. la____d summer afternoon *adj.* displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest
303. armored wa____r *n.* a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
304. sc____t petals *n.* a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
305. acquire a vi____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
306. secular dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
307. han____ft workshop *n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
308. license re____l *n.* the process of making something new or active again; the act of renewing a subscription, license, etc.
309. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
310. the com____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 302. languid, 303. warrior, 304. scarlet, 305. virtue, 306. drama, 307. handicraft, 308. renewal, 309. chaos, 310. commission

311. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
312. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
313. the mouth of the c___e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
314. theory of the un___se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
315. political pa___n *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
316. dense veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
317. muscular st___th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
318. an emotional ju___nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
319. ce___g board *n.* a room's top interior surface
320. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

ANSWERS: 311. church, 312. reform, 313. cave, 314. universe, 315. patron, 316. vegetation, 317. strength, 318. judgment, 319. ceiling, 320. whale

321. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
322. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
323. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
324. royal mo_____r *n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
325. medieval fr____o *n.* a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
326. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
327. cu_____ll situation *n.* a pitch in baseball that breaks unexpectedly; a surprising or unexpected twist or turn in a situation
328. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
329. 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
330. hu____e through life *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

ANSWERS: 321. tradition, 322. dramatically, 323. dare, 324. moniker, 325. fresco, 326. background, 327. curveball, 328. distract, 329. pursue, 330. hurtle

331. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
332. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
333. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
334. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
335. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
336. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
337. re_____l process *n.* the process of making something new or active again; the act of renewing a subscription, license, etc.
338. At_____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

ANSWERS: 331. hack, 332. suffer, 333. obstacle, 334. encounter, 335. inspire, 336. sacrifice, 337. renewal, 338. Atlantic

339. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
340. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
341. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
342. unsatisfied de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
343. foreordained de_____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
344. 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
345. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
346. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
347. poignant vi_____te *n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration
348. ecc_____cal authority *adj.* relating to the Christian Church, its hierarchy, or its clergy; pertaining to religious matters or the practice of organized religion

ANSWERS: 339. relevance, 340. leap, 341. delight, 342. desire, 343. destiny, 344. pursue, 345. compress, 346. jaw, 347. vignette, 348. ecclesiastical

349. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
350. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
351. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
352. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
353. fr_____er disputes *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
354. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
355. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
356. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
357. Saint Peter's Ba_____ca *n.* a large and important church, typically one with a nave, aisles, and a raised platform at one or both ends, and often a higher central area
358. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
359. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 349. tap, 350. contemporary, 351. technique, 352. peer, 353. frontier, 354. educated, 355. drama, 356. glorious, 357. basilica, 358. deck, 359. inspire

360. the en_____re of a city *n.* a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected
361. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
362. for tr_____l reasons *adj.* of little value or importance
363. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
364. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
365. ma_____y of mathematics *n.* complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
366. ho__r between life and death *v.* to stay in one place in the air
367. sc__e of a project *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
368. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
369. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 360. enclosure, 361. initial, 362. trivial, 363. committed, 364. peer, 365. mastery, 366. hover, 367. scope, 368. chart, 369. parochial

370. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
371. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
372. sh_____e from side to side *v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
373. Ap_____e Paul *n.* one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
374. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
375. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
376. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
377. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
378. from a mu_____de of sources *n.* a large number of things or people

ANSWERS: 370. structure, 371. stack, 372. shuffle, 373. apostle, 374. storytelling, 375. leap, 376. prospect, 377. peter, 378. multitude

379. mo_____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
380. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
381. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
382. a ge____s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
383. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
384. the pa____n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
385. cost of solar pa____ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
386. critical m____s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
387. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
388. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
389. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 379. monument, 380. assemble, 381. artistic, 382. genius, 383. storytelling, 384. patron, 385. panel, 386. mass, 387. giant, 388. interior, 389. essential

390. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
391. la____d movements *adj.* displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest
392. coastal ar____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
393. fo____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
394. sp____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
395. sk____on hand *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
396. et____l quarreling *adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever
397. vi____te from the incident *n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration
398. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 390. steep, 391. languid, 392. artillery, 393. foresee, 394. spotlight, 395. skeleton, 396. eternal, 397. vignette, 398. stack

399. medieval he_____e *n.* a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
400. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
401. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
402. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
403. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
404. religious co_____nt *n.* an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context
405. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
406. cul_____on altitude *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
407. soil mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

ANSWERS: 399. heroine, 400. compromise, 401. encompass, 402. sculpture, 403. framework, 404. covenant, 405. underneath, 406. culmination, 407. microcosm

408. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
409. s__r to new heights *v.* to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
410. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
411. as_____le a jigsaw puzzle *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
412. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
413. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
414. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
415. dec_____ve art *adj.* serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
416. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
417. s__w meat *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
418. words of the pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

ANSWERS: 408. surround, 409. soar, 410. massive, 411. assemble, 412. empire, 413. addition, 414. sham, 415. decorative, 416. destroy, 417. stew, 418. prophet

419. the fr___e on the fireplace *n.* a decorative band or strip that is placed horizontally on a wall, often just below the ceiling or the cornice
420. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
421. ar_____ry fire *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
422. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
423. fo_____de in adversity *n.* mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
424. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
425. co_____nt department *n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something
426. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
427. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
428. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 419. frieze, 420. odd, 421. artillery, 422. enormous, 423. fortitude, 424. foresee, 425. complaint, 426. portrait, 427. fig, 428. faith

429. violent por_____hy *n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing
430. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
431. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
432. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
433. struggling with ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
434. pa_____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
435. sh_____e deck *v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps
436. 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
437. ch_____ng emotions *n.* the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

ANSWERS: 429. pornography, 430. spark, 431. spark, 432. critic, 433. adversity, 434. parochial, 435. shuffle, 436. belly, 437. churning

438. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
439. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
440. tropical veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
441. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
442. in the Book of Ge_____s *n.* the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
443. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
444. cracks in the pl_____r *n.* a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements
445. a_k of salvation *n.* (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods
446. ig___e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
447. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

ANSWERS: 438. struggle, 439. amazing, 440. vegetation, 441. motor, 442. genesis, 443. incredible, 444. plaster, 445. ark, 446. ignite, 447. whale

448. v_t of acid *n.* a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids
449. traditional han_____fts *n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
450. reached the pi_____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
451. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
452. y__n in sleepiness *v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen
453. a steam en_____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
454. air co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
455. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
456. 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

ANSWERS: 448. vat, 449. handicraft, 450. pinnacle, 451. judgment, 452. yawn, 453. engine, 454. corridor, 455. massive, 456. label

457. pr_____e at the piano *v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization
458. a Christian ma____r *n.* a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
459. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
460. Je____h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
461. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
462. e_e of the party *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
463. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
464. pr____l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
465. sales rep_____ion *n.* the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting

ANSWERS: 457. preside, 458. martyr, 459. sacrifice, 460. Jewish, 461. flood, 462. eve, 463. encounter, 464. primal, 465. representation

466. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
467. colorful dec_____ons *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
468. fa_____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
469. de___e private property *v.* to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it
470. decisive ju_____re *n.* a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
471. j_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
472. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
473. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
474. im__l action *v.* to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction

ANSWERS: 466. encompass, 467. decoration, 468. faraway, 469. deface, 470. juncture, 471. jaw, 472. narrative, 473. destination, 474. impel

475. en_____ch on the realm *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
476. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
477. em_____d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
478. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
479. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
480. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
481. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
482. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
483. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
484. the steel sk_____on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

ANSWERS: 475. encroach, 476. editorial, 477. emerald, 478. elite, 479. rev, 480. poetry, 481. extraordinary, 482. geopolitical, 483. threshold, 484. skeleton

485. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
486. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
487. start building an a_k *n.* (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods
488. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
489. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
490. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
491. eventually pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
492. have broad sc__e *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
493. ca_____a in poetry *n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation
494. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 485. modern, 486. continent, 487. ark, 488. envision, 489. framework, 490. historic, 491. peter, 492. scope, 493. caesura, 494. symbol

495. environmental mi_____sm *n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale
496. suffer a se_____k *n.* an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress
497. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
498. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
499. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
500. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
501. secret sa_____m *n.* a private or sacred place, often a quiet and secure retreat where one can relax, think, or meditate
502. f__x diplomatic muscle *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
503. life's little cu_____ll *n.* a pitch in baseball that breaks unexpectedly; a surprising or unexpected twist or turn in a situation

ANSWERS: 495. microcosm, 496. setback, 497. wealth, 498. savior, 499. odd, 500. angel, 501. sanctum, 502. flex, 503. curveball

504. pr____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
505. bl____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
506. co____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
507. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
508. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
509. artificial ma____e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
510. br____n painted faces *adj.* bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)
511. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
512. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
513. b__n building *n.* a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

ANSWERS: 504. proclaim, 505. blanket, 506. compress, 507. delight, 508. pose, 509. marble, 510. brazen, 511. upward, 512. glory, 513. barn

514. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
515. re___r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
516. X-ray ma___rs *n.* a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs
517. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
518. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
519. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
520. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
521. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
522. ke_____ne for success *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
523. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 514. bible, 515. render, 516. martyr, 517. gloom, 518. expand, 519. chart, 520. chaos, 521. confer, 522. keystone, 523. ultimate

524. co_____nt clause *n.* an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context
525. faithful pr____t *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
526. chocolate dec_____ons for cakes *n.* the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements
527. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
528. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
529. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
530. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
531. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
532. as_____ly hall *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

ANSWERS: 524. covenant, 525. priest, 526. decoration, 527. pose, 528. background, 529. ancient, 530. tight, 531. loom, 532. assembly

533. en____ on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
534. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
535. my in____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
536. en____ch on the habitat of the animal *v.* to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
537. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
538. a c__l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
539. scu____al design *adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
540. c__l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
541. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 533. envision, 534. separate, 535. intimate, 536. encroach, 537. perspective, 538. curl, 539. sculptural, 540. curl, 541. forge

542. hu___e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
543. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
544. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
545. create a ca_____a effect *n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation
546. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
547. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
548. f__x a finger *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
549. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 542. hurtle, 543. treasure, 544. essential, 545. caesura, 546. movement, 547. portrait, 548. flex, 549. panel

550. st____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
551. en_____re gate *n.* a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected
552. 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
553. collective ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
554. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
555. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
556. political sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
557. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
558. cl___y abuse *n.* the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church

ANSWERS: 550. striking, 551. enclosure, 552. unfold, 553. insistence, 554. seed, 555. classic, 556. savior, 557. equip, 558. clergy

559. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
560. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
561. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
562. lost in gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
563. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
564. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 559. seed, 560. addition, 561. controversy, 562. grandeur, 563. embrace, 564. historic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.
 - n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

3. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.
 - v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

4. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
 - n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

5. The _____ of The King of Pop will forever be associated with Michael Jackson.
 - n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given

6. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
 - n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

ANSWERS: 1. belly, 2. horizon, 3. forge, 4. judgments, 5. moniker, 6. corridor

7. They _____ the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.
v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
8. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
n. a great victory or achievement
9. The national election was held amid _____ security.
adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
10. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
11. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
12. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
13. The yoga studio offered a peaceful _____ where customers could escape the hustle and bustle of daily life.
n. a private or sacred place, often a quiet and secure retreat where one can relax, think, or meditate
14. This program aims to _____ certain misconceptions about the disease.
v. to remove something, especially a feeling of fear, doubt, and false idea

ANSWERS: 7. decorated, 8. triumph, 9. tight, 10. motors, 11. floods, 12. cast, 13. sanctum, 14. dispel

15. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.
n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
16. Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an _____ for him.
n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
17. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
18. The president began to _____ an army.
v. to collect in one place as a single group
19. The spacious _____ was a peaceful sanctuary for the couple to exchange their vows.
n. a place of worship, especially a non-conformist or dissenting place of worship
20. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
21. She showed great _____ in facing her illness with grace and strength.
n. mental or emotional strength in facing difficulty, adversity, or danger; the ability to endure hardship or pain with courage and resilience
22. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

ANSWERS: 15. blur, 16. afterthought, 17. crew, 18. assemble, 19. chapel, 20. foresee, 21. fortitude, 22. chaos

23. The car window shattered into a million little _____ during the crash.
- n.* a small, thin, sharp piece of wood, glass, or other material that has broken off from a larger piece; a fragment or small piece that has separated from something larger
24. She spent her free time making _____ like pottery and crocheting to sell at the local market.
- n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
25. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.
- n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
26. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
27. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
28. He couldn't help but _____ during the long and boring presentation.
- v.* to involuntarily open one's mouth wide and exhale due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen; (noun) an involuntary reflex act of opening one's mouth wide and inhaling deeply due to tiredness, boredom, or a lack of oxygen

ANSWERS: 23. splinters, 24. handicrafts, 25. athlete, 26. reform, 27. creative, 28. yawn

29. The restaurant owner bought a large ____ of cooking oil for frying.
n. a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids
30. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
31. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
32. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.
n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
33. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
34. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
35. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
36. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.
n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

ANSWERS: 29. vat, 30. wealth, 31. tap, 32. artillery, 33. eventually, 34. enormous, 35. encompass, 36. savior

37. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

38. The _____ prophecies were sought out by kings and rulers from all over the land.

n. a prophetess or seer in ancient Greek or Roman mythology, often associated with being able to deliver divine messages or predictions; a woman who is regarded as being wise, insightful, or having expert knowledge in a particular field

39. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

40. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

41. She was _____ unimpressed with his latest attempt at a joke.

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

42. Their achievements stand as a _____ of centuries of development.

n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

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

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

ANSWERS: 37. empire, 38. sibyl's, 39. seed, 40. ultimate, 41. decidedly, 42. culmination, 43. tradition

44. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.
- n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
45. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
46. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
47. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
- adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
48. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
49. 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
50. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
51. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 44. marble, 45. church, 46. desire, 47. upward, 48. overcome, 49. pursue, 50. compressed, 51. struggle

52. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.
adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
53. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
54. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
55. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.
n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
56. You have no right to _____ on my leisure time.
v. to advance beyond the usual or acceptable limit gradually and often without being noticed; to infringe upon someone's territory, rights, privacy, etc.
57. Mozart was a musical _____.
n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
58. The _____ of human thought is diverse.
n. the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
59. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
60. The cat _____ into a ball and went to sleep.
v. to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

ANSWERS: 52. artistic, 53. masterpiece, 54. equipped, 55. parade, 56. encroach, 57. genius, 58. scope, 59. classic, 60. curled

61. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

62. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

63. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

64. The _____ job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

n. a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

65. She had many good _____ and few faults.

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

66. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

67. The data he prepared was completely _____.

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

68. The secular _____ improved the atmosphere of the meeting.

n. the official leaders of the religious activities, especially of the Christian Church

ANSWERS: 61. extraordinary, 62. essential, 63. chart, 64. courtier's, 65. virtues, 66. purity, 67. sham, 68. clergy

69. The castle's _____ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.
- n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
70. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
71. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
72. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.
- n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
73. She did well on her _____ exam.
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
74. 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
75. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
76. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 69. grandeur, 70. narrative, 71. leap, 72. keystone, 73. geography, 74. flex, 75. surround, 76. panel

77. The _____ on the temple depicted scenes from mythology.
- n.* a decorative band or strip that is placed horizontally on a wall, often just below the ceiling or the cornice
78. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of _____.
- n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
79. Scientists studied the ancient _____ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
- n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
80. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
81. The _____ held several exotic animals, including lions and tigers.
- n.* a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected
82. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
83. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
- v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
84. We cannot _____ her as President.
- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 77. frieze, 78. composition, 79. skeleton, 80. dynamic, 81. enclosure, 82. modern, 83. loomed, 84. envision

85. The city is undergoing a _____ project that will transform the downtown area.
n. the process of making something new or active again; the act of renewing a subscription, license, etc.
86. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
87. A person who has been declared incompetent should have legal _____.
n. the act of speaking, acting, or being present on behalf of someone officially; a statement of facts and reasons made in appealing or protesting
88. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.
n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
89. The poem depicts the heroics of a legendary _____.
n. a person who engaged in or experienced warfare, especially in the past
90. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
91. At this _____ in the project, we must reassess our plans and make some changes.
n. a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
92. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do

ANSWERS: 85. renewal, 86. immediate, 87. representation, 88. whale, 89. warrior, 90. educated, 91. juncture, 92. intentions

93. The bird _____ through the sky, and its wings spread wide.
v. to fly or rise very high or to a great height, often with great grace or ease
94. The politician's remarks became the _____ of the clash between the two countries.
n. the origin or beginning of something; the first book of the biblical scriptures of both Judaism and Christianity, describing the creation of the Earth and humankind
95. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
96. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.
n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
97. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
98. The twelve _____ were Jesus' closest followers and were chosen to spread his teachings.
n. one of a group of early Christian leaders who were chosen and trained by Jesus to spread his teachings
99. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
100. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.
adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

ANSWERS: 93. soared, 94. genesis, 95. mentioned, 96. heaven, 97. obstacle, 98. apostles, 99. suffers, 100. editorial

101. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
102. This company is faced with a _____ of problems.
n. a large number of things or people
103. The brave _____ rescued the prince from the dragon's lair.
n. a woman admired or idealized for her courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a woman who is the protagonist of a literary work or film
104. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.
n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
105. I am _____ to waking up early for work.
adj. familiar with; used to; in the habit of; having become habituated to something, often a behavior or situation
106. Despite her _____ he refused to change his mind.
n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
107. The _____ architecture was characterized by a long central nave, with aisles on either side and a large apse at one end, often used as a sanctuary.
n. a large and important church, typically one with a nave, aisles, and a raised platform at one or both ends, and often a higher central area
108. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 101. hero, 102. multitude, 103. heroine, 104. excitement, 105. accustomed, 106. insistence, 107. basilica's, 108. universe

109. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

110. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

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

111. She _____ the cards before dealing them to the players.

- v.* to move or mix around in a casual or unorganized way; to walk with short, dragging steps

112. Her research team made an important _____.

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

113. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

- n.* a son of your brother or sister

114. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.

- n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

115. She wore a stunning necklace adorned with a large _____ gemstone.

- n.* a precious gemstone that is typically colorless or pale yellow in its pure form but can also be found in various colors, often used in jewelry and valued for its clarity and brilliance

116. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.

- n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

ANSWERS: 109. perspective, 110. encounter, 111. shuffled, 112. discovery, 113. nephew, 114. vegetation, 115. topaz, 116. interiors

117. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
118. The researcher criticized the study due to _____ data.
- adj.* not having all the necessary or appropriate parts; not yet finished
119. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
- v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
120. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
121. The song had a melodic _____ that added a sense of drama to the lyrics.
- n.* a pause or break in a line of poetry, music, or speech, usually marked by punctuation or a natural pause in the rhythm; a momentary interruption or cessation
122. He dropped his _____ at the unexpected sight.
- n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
123. The couple made a _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
- n.* an agreement or promise made by two or more parties, typically in a formal or religious context

ANSWERS: 117. prospect, 118. incomplete, 119. lure, 120. elected, 121. caesura, 122. jaw, 123. covenant

124. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
125. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
126. Climbing to the _____ of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.
n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
127. The _____ paintings in the church were over 500 years old.
n. a painting technique in which water and pigment are applied to wet plaster, producing a durable and luminous image
128. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
129. The pitcher threw a sharp _____ that the batter was not expecting.
n. a pitch in baseball that breaks unexpectedly; a surprising or unexpected twist or turn in a situation
130. The room was filled with beautiful _____ for the wedding reception.
n. the act of adding something that is intended to make something more attractive; an award or honor that is given to someone in recognition of their achievements

ANSWERS: 124. primal, 125. confer, 126. pinnacle, 127. fresco, 128. sacrifice, 129. curveball, 130. decorations

131. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

132. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

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

133. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

134. The _____ on the wall depicted a medieval battle scene.

n. a piece of fabric or cloth that is woven with intricate designs or scenes, often depicting historical or mythological events; a complex or intricate story, idea, or situation

135. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

136. She had an audition for _____ school.

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

137. The _____ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

138. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

ANSWERS: 131. odd, 132. vision, 133. bible, 134. tapestry, 135. eve, 136. drama, 137. emerald, 138. portrait

139. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain _____ life.
adj. being without beginning or end; lasting forever
140. 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
141. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time
142. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.
n. a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
143. 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
144. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
145. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
146. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.
v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
147. Patience is the _____ of all sores.
n. a substance made of lime that becomes hard as it dries and is used for the protective or decorative coating of walls and ceilings and for molding and casting decorative elements

ANSWERS: 139. eternal, 140. unfolded, 141. Contemporary, 142. spotlight, 143. ancient, 144. hacking, 145. addition, 146. distract, 147. plaster

148. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
149. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.
- n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
150. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
151. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
152. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous
153. The _____ details on the building's facade were simply stunning.
- adj.* relating to or resembling sculpture (= a three-dimensional work of art); having a three-dimensional quality or appearance
154. The cathedral _____ soared high above, its stained-glass windows casting colorful light on the altar below.
- n.* a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
155. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 148. background, 149. controversy, 150. destroyed, 151. attract, 152. incredible, 153. sculptural, 154. dome, 155. necessarily

156. According to the story, Noah and his family were the only flood survivors, as they were on the ____.

- n.* (in the Bible) a boat built by Noah to save his family and animals from the flood; a large, flat-bottomed boat with a pointed bow and stern, used in ancient times to transport people and goods

157. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

158. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.

- n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

159. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.

- adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope

160. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

- n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

161. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.

- n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

162. The patient suffered complications due to _____ dosage of medication

- adj.* not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context

163. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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

ANSWERS: 156. ark, 157. technique, 158. blanket, 159. steep, 160. glory, 161. framework, 162. improper, 163. refer

164. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.
n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces
165. The archaeologist used a small _____ to excavate the ancient artifact.
n. a tool with a sharpened edge at one end used for shaping wood, stone, or metal; (verb) to engage in deceitful behavior
166. The country finally gained _____ over the whole land of its neighbors.
n. complete control or power of something to dominate or defeat; great skill or knowledge in a particular subject or activity
167. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.
n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
168. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
169. She wore a _____ dress to the party, making her stand out in the crowd.
n. a bright red color; a vivid, deep, or intense red
170. The _____ tiles on the wall added a colorful and unique touch to the room.
adj. serving to make something look more attractive or pretty; embellishing
171. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 164. adversity, 165. chisel, 166. mastery, 167. prophet, 168. sparked, 169. scarlet, 170. decorative, 171. distance

172. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

173. 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

174. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

175. The old _____ on the farm was used to store hay and other equipment.

n. a large farm building used for storage of crops or housing livestock

176. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.

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

177. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

178. I made a delicious beef _____ for dinner tonight.

n. a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

179. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

ANSWERS: 172. glorious, 173. angel, 174. dramatically, 175. barn, 176. worldviews, 177. dare, 178. stew, 179. treasure

180. 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

181. 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

182. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

183. 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

184. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

185. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

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

186. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

187. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

ANSWERS: 180. represent, 181. label, 182. priest, 183. arch, 184. origin, 185. peer, 186. initial, 187. papal

188. There was a crack in the _____ that I found.

n. a room's top interior surface

189. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

190. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

191. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

192. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

193. The team experienced a _____ when their star player was injured during the game.

n. an unfortunate happening that hinders or impedes; a reversal or check in progress

194. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

195. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 188. ceiling, 189. amazing, 190. symbol, 191. deck, 192. gloom, 193. setback, 194. intimate, 195. prayed

196. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

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

197. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

198. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

199. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

200. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

201. The _____ thief stole the diamond right out of the display case.

adj. bold and without shame or embarrassment; made of or resembling brass (= a metal alloy of copper and zinc)

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

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

203. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 196. threshold, 197. blind, 198. historic, 199. external, 200. figs, 201. brazen, 202. compromised, 203. pacific

204. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.
n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
205. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
206. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.
n. the quality of being extremely good
207. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
208. The _____ pace of the rural town was a refreshing change from the bustling city life.
adj. displaying or having a lack of energy or vitality; slow or relaxed in manner or movement; showing a lack of enthusiasm or interest
209. The ancient _____ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.
n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
210. The grand cathedral stood as a symbol of _____ power and influence.
adj. relating to the Christian Church, its hierarchy, or its clergy; pertaining to religious matters or the practice of organized religion

ANSWERS: 204. destiny, 205. relevance, 206. excellence, 207. invention, 208. languid, 209. fortress, 210. ecclesiastical

211. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

212. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

213. The man _____ before opening the door.

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

214. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

215. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

216. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

217. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

218. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 211. parochial, 212. Jewish, 213. paused, 214. monumental, 215. distant, 216. statue, 217. critics, 218. delight

219. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.

- n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

220. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.

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

221. The rise of digital technology has made the sharing of _____ easier than ever before.

- n.* materials such as films, photographs, or written descriptions that depict or describe sexual activity graphically or explicitly, often intended to be sexually arousing

222. Two birds were _____ overhead.

- v.* to stay in one place in the air

223. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

224. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

225. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.

- n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

226. The car _____ down the highway at breakneck speed.

- v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

ANSWERS: 219. patron, 220. ignited, 221. pornography, 222. hovering, 223. separate, 224. Christmas, 225. inquiry, 226. hurtled

227. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

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

228. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

229. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

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

230. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

231. This company's _____ plant is an enormous facility.

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

232. The _____ of the waves on the beach made it difficult to swim.

n. the process of mixing or stirring something vigorously, often to create a frothy or creamy texture; a state of upheaval or turbulence, often referring to the stock market or economy

233. Bats reside in sheltered _____.

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

234. The teacher warned the boys not to _____ public property.

v. to mar or spoil the surface or appearance of something, typically by drawing or writing on it

ANSWERS: 227. strength, 228. pose, 229. continent, 230. proclaimed, 231. assembly, 232. churning, 233. caves, 234. deface

235. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
236. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
237. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
238. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
239. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
240. The woods _____ the house.
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
241. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
n. poems in general as a genre of literature
242. She gets a _____ on each contract.
n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 235. geopolitical, 236. visionary, 237. elites, 238. landscape, 239. expand, 240. embrace, 241. poetry, 242. commission

243. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

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

244. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

245. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

246. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

247. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

248. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

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

249. His passion for social justice _____ him to join the protest march.

v. to drive, motivate, or urge someone to take action; to propel or provide a strong force to move something in a specific direction

250. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.

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

ANSWERS: 243. awesome, 244. universal, 245. underneath, 246. committed, 247. sculptures, 248. engine, 249. impelled, 250. inspired

251. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

- n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

252. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

253. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

- adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

254. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.

- n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

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

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

256. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.

- adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

257. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.

- n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

258. The music just _____ out.

- v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

ANSWERS: 251. uplift, 252. movement, 253. striking, 254. monument, 255. structure, 256. alike, 257. destination, 258. petered

259. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

260. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

261. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

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

262. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

263. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

264. He died a _____ to science.

n. a person who suffers very much or is killed for the sake of their religious or political beliefs

265. His powerful _____ motivated the team to give their best performance in the championship.

n. a strong and passionate urging or encouragement to take a specific action or to adopt a particular behavior or attitude

266. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.

adj. of little value or importance

ANSWERS: 259. faith, 260. giant, 261. circumstances, 262. massive, 263. committed, 264. martyr, 265. exhortation, 266. trivial

267. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.

- v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

268. She filed a _____ with the manager about the poor service.

- n.* a statement that expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance about something

269. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

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

270. The _____ of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

- n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

271. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

- adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

272. The small town felt like a _____ of the larger society.

- n.* a miniature or small-scale version of something that represents the larger whole or system; a representation of society or culture on a smaller scale

273. The _____ will preside over the meeting tomorrow.

- v.* to be in charge of or to lead a meeting, ceremony, or organization

274. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

- adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

ANSWERS: 267. render, 268. complaint, 269. stack, 270. husk, 271. Atlantic, 272. microcosm, 273. president, 274. faraway

275. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
276. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.
- n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
277. 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
278. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
279. The art exhibit featured a few sculptures that portrayed _____.
- n.* the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body
280. They study the _____ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
281. The novel has a series of _____ that showcase the everyday struggles of its characters.
- n.* a brief or short descriptive account, episode, or story that focuses on a particular moment, person, or object; a small decorative design or illustration

ANSWERS: 275. rev, 276. frontier, 277. develop, 278. mass, 279. nudity, 280. evolution, 281. vignettes

282. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 282. storytelling