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Session 1: Word List

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym : ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality
As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they

are different

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

climate

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

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

Brexit

n. (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU

(1) **Brexit** referendum, (2) **Brexit** transition period

Many European citizens living in the UK are concerned about their rights post- **Brexit**.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

gloomy

adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

synonym:

melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression

The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.

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.

headline

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

synonym: title, caption

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

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

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

screw

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

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

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

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

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym : attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

optimistic

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

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

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

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

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

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

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

monger

v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

synonym : peddle, sell, (noun) dealer

(1) fish- **monger**, (2) **monger** hate speech

Some politicians use fear to **monger** support for their policies.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

journalist

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

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

- folk** *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
synonym: community, family, person
(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district
Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.
- tackle** *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
synonym: deal with, dive into, work on
(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change
The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.
- economy** *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
synonym: finance, trade, business
(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class
The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- astonished** *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted
(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes
She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.
- remarkable** *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary
(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge
The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.
- progression** *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
synonym: advancement, development, evolution
(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

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

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym : conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist
Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

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.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym : seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold
He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

homeland

n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

synonym: motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **homeland**, (2) **homeland** pride

I miss my **homeland** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

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

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

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym: courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym: articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

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.

immigration

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

synonym: migration, settlement, emigration

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

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

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to

political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

multicultural

adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)

synonym : diverse, varied, inclusive

(1) **multicultural** society, (2) **multicultural** education

The school is known for its **multicultural** student body.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

racist

adj. characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

(1) far-right **racist**, (2) **racist** attitudes

The **racist** comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

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.

inherent

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

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

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

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

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

prime

adj. main or most important; basic

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

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.

intellect

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

synonym : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

groove

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

synonym: rut, channel, furrow

(1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**

The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.

yoga

n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

synonym: meditation, exercise, spiritual practice

(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

hipster

n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

synonym: trendsetter, nonconformist, bohemian

(1) **hipster** fashion, (2) **hipster** lifestyle

She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true **hipster** at heart.

infuriate

v. to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

synonym: enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym: nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

progressive

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

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

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

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

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

colorblind

adj. (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias

synonym: color-deficient, chromatic-impaired

(1) **colorblind** condition, (2) **colorblind** person

The company's HR policy advocates for a **colorblind**

workplace where all employees are treated equally regardless of race.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something
synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
synonym: enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

promote

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

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

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

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

agribusiness.

integrate

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

synonym : mix, merge, combine

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

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

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym : variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,
(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

open-minded

adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
synonym : receptive, impartial, approachable

(1) an **open-minded** person, (2) adopt an **open-minded** attitude

Both parties were pleased with the **open-minded** discussion.

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym : fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

overthrow

v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force

synonym : defeat, destroy, conquer

(1) **overthrow** the government, (2) **overthrow** the theory

The group aims to **overthrow** the military regime.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

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.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

unruly

adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly

synonym : naughty, defiant, disobedient

(1) **unruly** beast, (2) **unruly** behavior

The **unruly** children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym : disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

tyrant

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

lid

n. a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

synonym : cover, top, cap

(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box

He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym : radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

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**.

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

pious

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

synonym : religious, devout, godly

(1) **pious** belief, (2) **pious** follower

The **pious** woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

headscarf

n. a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons

synonym : hijab, shawl, veil

(1) traditional **headscarf**, (2) **headscarf** cloth

Some women choose to wear a **headscarf** as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

technocrat

n. an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise

synonym : specialist, expert, bureaucrat

(1) **technocrat** government, (2) visionary **technocrat**

The CEO of the tech company is a renowned **technocrat** who spearheaded numerous successful projects.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

predecessor

n. a person who held a position or office before the current holder

synonym : antecedent, forerunner, precursor

(1) the words of a **predecessor**, (2) **predecessor** model

The new CEO is the **predecessor** of the former CEO.

thereby

adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

synonym : thus, hence, as a result

(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health

The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.

thunder

n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

synonym: detonation, rumble, roar

(1) **thunder** cloud, (2) deafening **thunder** of applause

The roaring **thunder** was so loud that it woke me from sleep.

crack

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

synonym: snap, burst, break

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

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

repress

v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories

synonym: suppress, control, curb

(1) cannot **repress** laughter, (2) **repress** gene expression

He **repressed** the memories of his traumatic childhood.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

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.

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym: broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions

He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym: leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

persuade

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

synonym: convince, influence, sway

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

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but

he was too busy with work.

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym : breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

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.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

grip

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

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

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

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

rewind

v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning

synonym : wind back, back up, reverse

(1) **rewind** a film, (2) manually **rewind** the tape

Please **rewind** the thread onto the reel.

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.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**
Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

deadlock

n. a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted

synonym : stalemate, gridlock, impasse

(1) political **deadlock**, (2) **deadlock** resolution
The negotiations came to a **deadlock** when neither party could reach an agreement.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton
The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of

the U.S. military

synonym : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

warn

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

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

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

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

collapse

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

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

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

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

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.

confidence

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

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

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

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

handsome

adj. physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous

synonym : good-looking, attractive, beautiful

(1) a **handsome** young man, (2) a **handsome** salary

The politician was known for his **handsome** appearance and charm.

corruptible

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

synonym: bribable, dishonest, venal

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

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

lightweight

adj. composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive

(1) **lightweight** aircraft, (2) **lightweight** structure

Powder coating protects the **lightweight** aluminum alloy components.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

truce

n. a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

synonym: ceasefire, armistice, peace

(1) temporary **truce**, (2) break a **truce**

The two sides agreed to a **truce** and set down their weapons.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high

unemployment rates.

comprehensive

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

synonym: complete, encyclopedic, thorough

(1) a **comprehensive** explanation, (2) conduct a **comprehensive** survey

We have a **comprehensive** grasp of this topic.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

synonym: ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

smother

v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion

synonym: smother, suffocate, stifle

(1) **smother** flames, (2) **smother** a sneeze

She tried to **smother** her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym: cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

liberalize

v. to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance

synonym: liberate, relax, loosen

(1) **liberalize** drug laws, (2) **liberalize** regulations

The government decided to **liberalize** trade policies to boost economic growth.

- rust**
- n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
- synonym* : corrosion, oxidation, decay
- (1) **rust-proofing**, (2) **rusty** metal
- The old car was covered in **rust** and needed extensive repair work.
- sector**
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
- synonym* : division, department, branch
- (1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**
- The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.
- restructure**
- v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
- synonym* : reorganize, revamp, reconstruct
- (1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts
- The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.
- appreciate**
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
- synonym* : acknowledge, admire, enjoy
- (1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
- We would **appreciate** an early reply.
- accomplishment**
- n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
- synonym* : success, achievement, complete
- (1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal
- Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

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

twinkle

v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

synonym: sparkle, shine, glitter

(1) **twinkle** like a star, (2) the **twinkle** of the stars

His eyes **twinkled** with mischief.

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.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

ward

n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

synonym: room, division, unit

(1) a children's **ward**, (2) **ward** nurse

The patient was moved to the intensive care **ward** for further treatment.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

tequila

n. a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot

synonym: liquor, spirit

(1) **tequila** cocktail, (2) bottle of **tequila**

We ordered a round of **tequila** shots at the bar.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

unanimous

adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

synonym: uncontested, consistent, unified

(1) by a **unanimous** vote, (2) obtain **unanimous** consent
That bill reached a **unanimous** agreement.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly
Her **priority** is to be a mother.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term
The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**
Proof is better than argument.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym: declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak
I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**
The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

thread

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

synonym : filament, string, yarn

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

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

caveat

n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

synonym : warning, caution, admonition

(1) a **caveat** against unfair practices, (2) general **caveat**

We often ignore important **caveats** from nature.

specific

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

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

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

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

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

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.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym: meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

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.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthest, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

salvation

n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

synonym: rescue, deliverance, redemption

(1) **salvation** army, (2) the **salvation** of the individual soul

For many, the church was the only source of **salvation** in harsh times.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym: co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange

coincidence

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

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.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

populate

v. to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

synonym: inhabit, occupy, dwell

(1) **populate** the countryside, (2) **populate** the spreadsheet

Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily **populate** the forest.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym: ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals;
for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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**.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym: clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance
The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

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**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

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.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym : thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

pragmatist

n. a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

synonym : realist, practical person, utilitarian

(1) **pragmatist** perspective, (2) a true **pragmatist**
As a **pragmatist**, she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**
Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage
Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

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.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism
We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure
The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym: union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces
The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims
The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life
The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock
Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

grub

n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to

dig or search diligently and laboriously

synonym : larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym : minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym : mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

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

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

bold

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

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

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

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

restraint

n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

synonym : constraint, limitation, control

(1) physical **restraint**, (2) self- **restraint**

It's important to practice **restraint** when it comes to spending money.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

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

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

constituency

n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

synonym: voters, electorate

(1) **constituency** needs, (2) local **constituency**

The politician met with his **constituency** to hear their concerns and ideas.

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.

tribal

adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

synonym: indigenous, ethnic, traditional

(1) **tribal** culture, (2) **tribal** community

The **tribal** leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of

emotion conveyed.

bargain

n. an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected

synonym: deal, agreement, pact

(1) **bargain** deal, (2) **bargain** hunting

The price for the used car was a **bargain** compared to the market value.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

superhero

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

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

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

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym: achieve, complete, execute

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

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

flaw

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

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

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

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

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym: sleeping, fallen, at rest

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

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

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.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. st__p a tire off | <i>v.</i> to remove the surface from something;
(noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc. |
| 2. the sa_____on of the individual soul | <i>n.</i> preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss |
| 3. acc_____sh a goal | <i>v.</i> to finish or achieve something successfully |
| 4. un___y beast | <i>adj.</i> difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly |
| 5. el__t the school board | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 6. increase in the minimum w__e | <i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services |
| 7. in_____nt risk | <i>adj.</i> existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute |
| 8. ov_____ow the government | <i>v.</i> to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force |
| 9. br__e decision | <i>adj.</i> showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity |
| 10. equilateral pe_____on | <i>n.</i> a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military |

ANSWERS: 1. strip, 2. salvation, 3. accomplish, 4. unruly, 5. elect, 6. wage, 7. inherent, 8. overthrow, 9. brave, 10. pentagon

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| 11. a co____nt temperature | <i>adj.</i> happening repeatedly or all the time |
| 12. conduct a com_____ive survey | <i>adj.</i> complete and including all or everything necessary |
| 13. a nation's right to go____n | <i>v.</i> to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services |
| 14. pr____r a window seat | <i>v.</i> to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another |
| 15. imm_____on control | <i>n.</i> the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country |
| 16. a ha_____me salary | <i>adj.</i> physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous |
| 17. nonviolent ji__d | <i>n.</i> a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle |
| 18. app_____te the value | <i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone |
| 19. an ope_____ed person | <i>adj.</i> willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas |
| 20. health po____y | <i>n.</i> a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective |

ANSWERS: 11. constant, 12. comprehensive, 13. govern, 14. prefer, 15. immigration, 16. handsome, 17. jihad, 18. appreciate, 19. open-minded, 20. policy

21. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
22. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
23. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
24. cook up some g__bs *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
25. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic
26. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
27. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
28. con_____ncy needs *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

ANSWERS: 21. charismatic, 22. democracy, 23. solver, 24. grub, 25. prime, 26. ideology, 27. journalist, 28. constituency

29. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
30. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
31. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
32. a geometric pr___f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
33. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
34. local con_____ncy *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
35. 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
36. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
37. 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

ANSWERS: 29. percentage, 30. statistics, 31. striking, 32. proof, 33. democracy, 34. constituency, 35. reform, 36. striking, 37. embrace

38. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
39. the_____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
40. general ca____t *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
41. lig_____ht structure *adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
42. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
43. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
44. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
45. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
46. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
47. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
48. adopt an ope_____ed attitude *adj.* willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas
49. r__ty metal *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation

ANSWERS: 38. incredibly, 39. theoretical, 40. caveat, 41. lightweight, 42. quintessence, 43. replace, 44. circumstance, 45. voter, 46. astonished, 47. identity, 48. open-minded, 49. rust

61. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
62. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
63. start a new th____d *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
64. pe__y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
65. lib_____ze drug laws *v.* to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance
66. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
67. bo_____om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
68. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 61. influence, 62. threaten, 63. thread, 64. petty, 65. liberalize, 66. conclude, 67. boardroom, 68. scary

69. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
70. 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
71. a domestic ty____t *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
72. a high per____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
73. co____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
74. container l_d *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
75. ji__d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
76. in____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
77. lib____ze regulations *v.* to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance

ANSWERS: 69. folk, 70. struggle, 71. tyrant, 72. percentage, 73. coalition, 74. lid, 75. jihad, 76. influence, 77. liberalize

78. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
79. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
80. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
81. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
82. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
83. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
84. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
85. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
86. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
87. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
88. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 78. weird, 79. rally, 80. wisdom, 81. sentimental, 82. supposedly, 83. nasty, 84. rethink, 85. sector, 86. explode, 87. recover, 88. rank

89. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
90. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
91. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
92. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
93. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
94. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
95. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
96. pe_____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
97. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

ANSWERS: 89. diversity, 90. inequality, 91. persuade, 92. decide, 93. invite, 94. explicit, 95. bunch, 96. pentagon, 97. greatly

98. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
99. hi____r fashion *n.* a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
100. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
101. abs____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
102. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
103. meet with opp____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
104. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
105. junior se____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
106. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
107. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
108. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 98. poverty, 99. hipster, 100. strip, 101. absolutely, 102. nasty, 103. opposition, 104. context, 105. senator, 106. rank, 107. odds, 108. communal

109. the coi_____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
110. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
111. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
112. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
113. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
114. po____e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
115. by a un_____us vote *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
116. a true pra_____st *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
117. ra____t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others

ANSWERS: 109. coincidence, 110. climate, 111. adapt, 112. grip, 113. policy, 114. polite, 115. unanimous, 116. pragmatist, 117. racist

118. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
119. mul_____ral society *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
120. I__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
121. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
122. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
123. physical re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
124. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
125. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
126. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
127. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
128. the words of a pre_____or *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder

ANSWERS: 118. optimistic, 119. multicultural, 120. loom, 121. specific, 122. doom, 123. restraint, 124. liberal, 125. elect, 126. detain, 127. decent, 128. predecessor

129. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
130. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
131. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
132. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
133. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
134. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
135. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
136. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
137. po_____te the countryside *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

ANSWERS: 129. unexpected, 130. dispute, 131. threaten, 132. folk, 133. bust, 134. compromise, 135. optimism, 136. secular, 137. populate

138. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
139. tec_____at government *n.* an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise
140. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
141. bottle of te_____a *n.* a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot
142. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
143. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
144. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
145. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
146. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something

ANSWERS: 138. decline, 139. technocrat, 140. contribute, 141. tequila, 142. sweep, 143. elite, 144. nation, 145. humiliation, 146. emphasize

147. ba____n hunting *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
148. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
149. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
150. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
151. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
152. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
153. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
154. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
155. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 147. bargain, 148. opportune, 149. extraordinary, 150. diversity, 151. context, 152. seize, 153. integrate, 154. horrify, 155. unimaginable

156. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
157. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
158. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
159. a ge____s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
160. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
161. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
162. 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
163. sm_____r flames *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
164. wi____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
165. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
166. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

ANSWERS: 156. minister, 157. extreme, 158. priority, 159. genius, 160. absolutely, 161. sweep, 162. reform, 163. smother, 164. wisdom, 165. vast, 166. exposed

167. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
168. mul_____ral education *adj.* relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
169. 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
170. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
171. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
172. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
173. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
174. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
175. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
176. a children's w__d *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

ANSWERS: 167. accent, 168. multicultural, 169. tradition, 170. participate, 171. seize, 172. flash, 173. intimacy, 174. rally, 175. pact, 176. ward

177. pre_____or model *n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
178. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
179. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
180. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
181. the agricultural yield per ca_____a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
182. temporary tr___e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
183. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
184. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
185. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 177. predecessor, 178. priority, 179. integrate, 180. poverty, 181. capita, 182. truce, 183. barrier, 184. barrier, 185. circumstance

186. cannot re____s laughter *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
187. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
188. th____r cloud *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
189. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
190. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
191. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
192. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
193. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
194. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
195. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 186. repress, 187. govern, 188. thunder, 189. generation, 190. transformation, 191. export, 192. flaw, 193. intimacy, 194. grip, 195. replace

196. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
197. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
198. traditional he_____rf *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
199. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
200. r__t-proofing *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
201. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
202. w__d nurse *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
203. re_____s gene expression *v.* to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
204. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
205. tw_____e like a star *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

ANSWERS: 196. confidence, 197. contribute, 198. headscarf, 199. insist, 200. rust, 201. solvable, 202. ward, 203. repress, 204. decision, 205. twinkle

206. su_____ro comics *n.* a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public
207. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
208. sa_____on army *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
209. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
210. us_____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
211. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
212. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
213. pi__s follower *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
214. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
215. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully

ANSWERS: 206. superhero, 207. economy, 208. salvation, 209. gutsy, 210. useless, 211. nevertheless, 212. decide, 213. pious, 214. combine, 215. accomplish

216. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
217. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
218. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
219. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
220. ov_____ow the theory *v.* to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
221. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
222. acquire a vi_____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
223. po_____te the spreadsheet *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information
224. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 216. radical, 217. convinced, 218. headline, 219. optimism, 220. overthrow, 221. inspire, 222. virtue, 223. populate, 224. crack

225. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
226. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
227. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
228. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
229. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
230. ba_____n deal *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
231. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
232. bo_____om decision *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
233. self-re_____nt *n.* a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement

ANSWERS: 225. dominate, 226. amazing, 227. specific, 228. remarkable, 229. overcome, 230. bargain, 231. dispute, 232. boardroom, 233. restraint

234. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
235. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
236. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
237. Br___t transition period *n.* (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU
238. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
239. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
240. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
241. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
242. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

ANSWERS: 234. extremist, 235. gutsy, 236. warn, 237. Brexit, 238. paralysis, 239. dominate, 240. religion, 241. resident, 242. elite

243. cor_____le judges	<i>adj.</i> capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
244. ext_____ary ability	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
245. pro_____on of civilization	<i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
246. gr___e on the dance floor	<i>n.</i> a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
247. Br___t referendum	<i>n.</i> (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU
248. pr___e number	<i>adj.</i> main or most important; basic
249. financial cr___s	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
250. me_____n in a report	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
251. vi___e of frugality	<i>n.</i> high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
252. di_____l a liquid	<i>v.</i> to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
253. de_____e in quality	<i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 243. corruptible, 244. extraordinary, 245. progression, 246. groove, 247. Brexit, 248. prime, 249. crisis, 250. mention, 251. virtue, 252. distill, 253. decline

254. in_____te employees *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation
255. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
256. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
257. visionary tec_____at *n.* an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise
258. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
259. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
260. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
261. a foreign ac___t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
262. structural fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

ANSWERS: 254. infuriate, 255. promiscuous, 256. spectacular, 257. technocrat, 258. liberal, 259. bunch, 260. adapt, 261. accent, 262. formula

263. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
264. get into the gr___e *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
265. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
266. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
267. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
268. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
269. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
270. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
271. big, b__d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
272. a ca___t against unfair practices *n.* a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing
273. th_____y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

ANSWERS: 263. grant, 264. groove, 265. progression, 266. flash, 267. genius, 268. monopoly, 269. weird, 270. convinced, 271. bold, 272. caveat, 273. thereby

274. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
275. the tw____e of the stars *v.* to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way
276. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
277. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
278. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
279. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
280. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
281. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
282. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
283. pra_____st perspective *n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals
284. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
285. beloved ho_____nd *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

ANSWERS: 274. vast, 275. twinkle, 276. imam, 277. thrive, 278. distill, 279. charismatic, 280. compromise, 281. radical, 282. combine, 283. pragmatist, 284. jail, 285. homeland

286. res_____re my debts *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
287. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
288. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
289. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
290. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
291. per ca____a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
292. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
293. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
294. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
295. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
296. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement

ANSWERS: 286. restructure, 287. bug, 288. decision, 289. collapse, 290. ordinary, 291. capita, 292. government, 293. inherent, 294. narrative, 295. inspire, 296. triumph

297. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
298. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
299. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
300. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
301. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
302. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
303. pi__s belief *adj.* deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices
304. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
305. 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
306. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
307. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

ANSWERS: 297. climate, 298. minister, 299. core, 300. suspect, 301. dysfunction, 302. politician, 303. pious, 304. paralysis, 305. embrace, 306. wage, 307. decent

308. 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
309. political id____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
310. lig____ht aircraft *adj.* composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
311. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
312. ex__t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
313. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
314. em____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
315. get a con____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
316. un__y behavior *adj.* difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
317. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
318. a pol____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 308. hero, 309. ideology, 310. lightweight, 311. constant, 312. export, 313. suspect, 314. emphasize, 315. conventional, 316. unruly, 317. screw, 318. politician

319. fr____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
320. far-right ra____t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
321. aerial y__a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
322. an international co____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
323. ob____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
324. go out of fa____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
325. cor____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
326. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
327. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
328. in____te customers *v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

ANSWERS: 319. frantic, 320. racist, 321. yoga, 322. congress, 323. obstacle, 324. fashion, 325. corruptible, 326. riot, 327. voter, 328. infuriate

329. as___p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
330. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
331. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
332. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
333. the_____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
334. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
335. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
336. a com_____ive explanation *adj.* complete and including all or everything necessary
337. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
338. ex_____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 329. asleep, 330. coalition, 331. useless, 332. unimaginable, 333. theoretical, 334. essence, 335. inequality, 336. comprehensive, 337. progressive, 338. explicit

339. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
340. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
341. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
342. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
343. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
344. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
345. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
346. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
347. obtain un_____us consent *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
348. res_____re sentence *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
349. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 339. intellect, 340. doom, 341. extremism, 342. progressive, 343. conclude, 344. loom, 345. resident, 346. nation, 347. unanimous, 348. restructure, 349. bold

350. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
351. the qui_____nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
352. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
353. 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
354. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
355. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
356. col_____nd condition *adj.* (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
357. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
358. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
359. 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
360. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 350. spectacular, 351. quintessence, 352. intellect, 353. struggle, 354. core, 355. bug, 356. colorblind, 357. swear, 358. involve, 359. tradition, 360. warn

361. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
362. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
363. pr____r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
364. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
365. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
366. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
367. ho_____nd pride *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
368. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
369. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
370. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
371. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 361. monopoly, 362. participate, 363. prefer, 364. secular, 365. optimistic, 366. ordinary, 367. homeland, 368. identity, 369. corruption, 370. sentimental, 371. conventional

372. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
373. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
374. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
375. fish-mo___r *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
376. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
377. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
378. imm_____on application *n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
379. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
380. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 372. invite, 373. refugee, 374. peril, 375. monger, 376. finance, 377. generation, 378. immigration, 379. mention, 380. finance

381. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
382. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
383. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
384. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
385. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
386. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
387. the l_d of a box *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
388. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
389. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
390. deafening th_____r of applause *n.* the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise

ANSWERS: 381. journalist, 382. extremist, 383. boring, 384. corruption, 385. communal, 386. promiscuous, 387. lid, 388. appreciate, 389. incredibly, 390. thunder

391. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
392. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
393. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
394. de_____ck resolution *n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
395. sw___r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
396. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
397. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
398. pe___y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
399. he_____rf cloth *n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
400. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
401. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 391. president, 392. horrify, 393. accomplishment, 394. deadlock, 395. swear, 396. opportune, 397. frantic, 398. petty, 399. headscarf, 400. detain, 401. religion

402. bo___g work	<i>adj.</i> lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
403. st___y increase	<i>adj.</i> firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
404. o__s of business	<i>n.</i> the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
405. gr_____y support that player	<i>adv.</i> to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
406. cast ast_____ed eyes	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprised and upset
407. inspire co_____e	<i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
408. na_____ve poetry	<i>n.</i> a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
409. pe_____de enough people	<i>v.</i> to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
410. dead as___p	<i>adj.</i> in a state of sleep
411. an ob_____le to progress	<i>n.</i> a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
412. tr_____h of the spirit	<i>n.</i> a great victory or achievement
413. an une_____ed visitor	<i>adj.</i> not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
414. th_____y-obtained data	<i>adv.</i> as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

ANSWERS: 402. boring, 403. steady, 404. odds, 405. greatly, 406. astonished, 407. courage, 408. narrative, 409. persuade, 410. asleep, 411. obstacle, 412. triumph, 413. unexpected, 414. thereby

415. break a tr__e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
416. political ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
417. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
418. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
419. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
420. g__b for potatoes *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
421. political de_____ck *n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
422. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 415. truce, 416. extremism, 417. confidence, 418. statistics, 419. president, 420. grub, 421. deadlock, 422. dictator

423. military di____or
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
424. mental co____e
n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
425. gl____y mood
adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
426. re____k a marketing plan
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
427. overcome hu____es
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
428. a binomial fo____a
n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
429. am____g advances
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
430. hi____r lifestyle
n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices
431. ess____ly correct
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
432. so____le problem
adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 423. dictator, 424. courage, 425. gloomy, 426. rethink, 427. hurdle, 428. formula, 429. amazing, 430. hipster, 431. essentially, 432. solvable

433. col_____nd person *adj.* (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
434. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
435. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
436. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
437. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
438. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
439. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
440. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
441. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
442. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
443. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
444. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
445. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 433. colorblind, 434. spin, 435. fashion, 436. scary, 437. extreme, 438. grant, 439. essence, 440. government, 441. flaw, 442. proof, 443. humiliation, 444. involve, 445. promote

446. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
447. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
448. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
449. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
450. ex____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
451. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
452. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
453. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
454. th____e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 446. economy, 447. insist, 448. crisis, 449. pact, 450. exposed, 451. collapse, 452. imam, 453. overcome, 454. thrive

455. puzzle-so___r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
456. sm_____r a sneeze *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
457. by a strange coi_____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
458. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
459. brain dys_____on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
460. gl___y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
461. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
462. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
463. te_____a cocktail *n.* a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot

ANSWERS: 455. solver, 456. smother, 457. coincidence, 458. opposition, 459. dysfunction, 460. gloomy, 461. explode, 462. bust, 463. tequila

464. tr___l community *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
465. 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
466. mo___r hate speech *v.* to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods
467. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
468. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
469. take a st___y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
470. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
471. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
472. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
473. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
474. po___e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

ANSWERS: 464. tribal, 465. hero, 466. monger, 467. peril, 468. transformation, 469. steady, 470. essentially, 471. nevertheless, 472. tackle, 473. brave, 474. polite

475. th___d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
476. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
477. a ha_____me young man *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
478. private se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
479. y__a teacher *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
480. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
481. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 475. thread, 476. tackle, 477. handsome, 478. sector, 479. yoga, 480. headline, 481. spin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His eyes _____ with mischief.
 - v. to shine with a flickering or sparkling light; (noun) the act of shining in a bright and cheerful way

2. 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

3. We would _____ an early reply.
 - v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

4. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.
 - n. the perfect example of a quality or class

5. _____ a society is an organism.
 - adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

6. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
 - n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

7. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
 - v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 1. twinkled, 2. hero, 3. appreciate, 4. quintessence, 5. Essentially, 6. barrier, 7. involves

8. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
9. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
10. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it;
(noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
11. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.
n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
12. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
13. 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
14. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so;
(verb) to hold fast or firmly
15. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 8. Proof, 9. gutsy, 10. screw, 11. flaw, 12. progressive, 13. inspired, 14. grip, 15. crack

16. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
17. The company's HR policy advocates for a _____ workplace where all employees are treated equally regardless of race.
adj. (of a person) unable to distinguish certain colors or used to describe a lack of racial or cultural bias
18. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
19. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.
n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
20. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.
adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
21. 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
22. Powder coating protects the _____ aluminum alloy components.
adj. composed of thinner and lighter material than average; not severe or impressive
23. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 16. flash, 17. colorblind, 18. integrate, 19. solver, 20. theoretical, 21. narrative, 22. lightweight, 23. adapt

24. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
- v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
25. Her _____ is to be a mother.
- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
26. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
- adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
27. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
- n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
28. Bureaucracies are more _____ than other systems or organizations.
- adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
29. We _____ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
30. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
- adj.* main or most important; basic
31. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 24. persuade, 25. priority, 26. scary, 27. paralysis, 28. corruptible, 29. concluded, 30. prime, 31. spinning

32. It's important to practice _____ when it comes to spending money.
n. a measure taken to prevent someone or something from acting freely or excessively; self-control or moderation; a physical device used to restrict or limit movement
33. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
34. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
35. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
36. The roaring _____ was so loud that it woke me from sleep.
n. the loud, deep sound made by air expanding along the path of a bolt of lightning; a deep, prolonged loud noise
37. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
38. The _____ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.
adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
39. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 32. restraint, 33. Constant, 34. remarkable, 35. accomplish, 36. thunder, 37. exposed, 38. petty, 39. warn

40. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
41. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.
- adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
42. I'm _____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.
- v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
43. The new CEO is the _____ of the former CEO.
- n.* a person who held a position or office before the current holder
44. She has a thick southern _____.
- n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
45. He earned a _____ salary at his job.
- adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
46. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 40. sector, 41. racist, 42. bust, 43. predecessor, 44. accent, 45. decent, 46. statistics

47. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

48. The _____ children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.

adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly

49. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

50. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

51. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.

n. serious and great danger or risk

52. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

53. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

54. She is always wearing vintage clothing and listening to vinyl records, a true _____ at heart.

n. a person who follows a trend or style characterized by a particular subculture, particularly one that is associated with alternative music, fashion, and lifestyle practices

ANSWERS: 47. extraordinary, 48. unruly, 49. replace, 50. coalition, 51. peril, 52. Democracy, 53. formula, 54. hipster

55. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

56. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

57. She was _____ by the news and could hardly believe it.

adj. extremely surprised and upset

58. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

59. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.

adj. in a state of sleep

60. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

61. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

62. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

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

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

ANSWERS: 55. fashion, 56. recovering, 57. astonished, 58. useless, 59. asleep, 60. dysfunction, 61. dispute, 62. opposition, 63. intellect

64. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.
- n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
65. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
- n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
66. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
67. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
68. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.
- n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
69. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
70. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
71. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 64. jihad, 65. resident, 66. rethink, 67. economy, 68. senator, 69. courage, 70. politician, 71. decide

72. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.
- n.* a great victory or achievement
73. 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
74. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
75. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
- v.* to shock or disgust greatly
76. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
- adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
77. Mozart was a musical _____.
- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
78. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
79. 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

ANSWERS: 72. triumph, 73. elected, 74. doom, 75. horrify, 76. radical, 77. genius, 78. decision, 79. overcome

80. Some women choose to wear a _____ as a symbol of their cultural identity and religious beliefs.
- n.* a piece of cloth worn on the head, often for religious or cultural reasons
81. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
82. We ordered a round of _____ shots at the bar.
- n.* a distilled spirit made primarily from the blue agave plant, typically produced in Mexico, known for its distinctive taste and often consumed neat, in cocktails, or as a shot
83. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
84. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
85. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
86. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.
- adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 80. headscarf, 81. journalists, 82. tequila, 83. president, 84. extremist, 85. inequality, 86. solvable

87. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

88. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

89. The _____ rule was marked by oppression and fear.

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

90. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

91. 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

92. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

93. We often ignore important _____ from nature.

n. a warning against certain acts; (law) a formal notice filed with a court or officer to suspend a proceeding until the filer is given a hearing

94. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

ANSWERS: 87. thrive, 88. unexpected, 89. tyrant's, 90. amazing, 91. reform, 92. threatening, 93. caveats, 94. corruption

95. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

96. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

97. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

98. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

99. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

100. He is _____ in his thoughts.

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

101. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

102. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

103. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

ANSWERS: 95. bug, 96. opportune, 97. sweep, 98. diversity, 99. distill, 100. liberal, 101. steady, 102. tackle, 103. secular

104. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

105. 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

106. The old car was covered in _____ and needed extensive repair work.

- n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation

107. The patient was moved to the intensive care _____ for further treatment.

- n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

108. She had many good _____ and few faults.

- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

109. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

110. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

111. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 104. wages, 105. mentioned, 106. rust, 107. ward, 108. virtues, 109. invite, 110. government, 111. rank

112. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
113. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
114. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
115. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
- n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
116. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
117. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
- v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
118. The negotiations came to a _____ when neither party could reach an agreement.
- n.* a state of impasse or stalemate, where no progress or agreement can be made between conflicting parties or viewpoints; a situation where future action or decision-making is halted
119. The community warmly welcomed the _____.
- n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 112. governing, 113. Climate, 114. exploded, 115. ideology, 116. cores, 117. loomed, 118. deadlock, 119. refugees

120. The CEO of the tech company is a renowned _____ who spearheaded numerous successful projects.
- n.* an expert or specialist in the management or administration of technical and scientific affairs; someone who holds a position of authority based on their technical knowledge and expertise
121. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
122. The _____ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.
- adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
123. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.
- v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
124. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.
- v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
125. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
126. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
127. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 120. technocrat, 121. compromised, 122. gloomy, 123. detained, 124. rally, 125. generation, 126. confidence, 127. vast

128. The two sides agreed to a _____ and set down their weapons.

n. a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

129. Some politicians use fear to _____ support for their policies.

v. to sell or promote something, especially by using aggressive or exaggerated tactics; to peddle or deal in (usually negative) information, rumors, or gossip; (noun) a dealer, trader, or seller of a particular commodity or goods

130. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

131. We have a _____ grasp of this topic.

adj. complete and including all or everything necessary

132. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

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

133. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

134. The politician met with his _____ to hear their concerns and ideas.

n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

135. Both parties were pleased with the _____ discussion.

adj. willing to listen to or consider new or different ideas

ANSWERS: 128. truce, 129. monger, 130. imam's, 131. comprehensive, 132. obstacle, 133. polite, 134. constituency, 135. open-minded

136. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
137. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.
adv. in spite of that; yet
138. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
139. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
140. That bill reached a _____ agreement.
adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
141. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
142. He _____ the memories of his traumatic childhood.
v. to restrain or control by force; to suppress feelings or memories
143. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
144. The politician was known for his _____ appearance and charm.
adj. physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous

ANSWERS: 136. optimism, 137. nevertheless, 138. religion, 139. essence, 140. unanimous, 141. accomplishment, 142. repressed, 143. sentimental, 144. handsome

145. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
146. The new software will streamline the workflow, _____ increasing productivity.
adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
147. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
148. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
149. 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
150. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.
n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person
151. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
152. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

ANSWERS: 145. contribute, 146. thereby, 147. convinced, 148. promote, 149. tradition, 150. intimacy, 151. prefer, 152. voter

153. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.
- n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
154. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
155. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
156. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
157. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
158. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.
- v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
159. The price for the used car was a _____ compared to the market value.
- n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
160. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
- adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 153. extremism, 154. finance, 155. collapsed, 156. poverty, 157. dominates, 158. swear, 159. bargain, 160. unimaginable

161. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
162. The corporate _____ was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.
- n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
163. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
164. She tried to _____ her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.
- v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
165. The government decided to _____ trade policies to boost economic growth.
- v.* to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance
166. The _____ policy in this country is stringent, making it difficult for many people to obtain a visa.
- n.* the act or process of coming to live permanently in a foreign country
167. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 161. transformations, 162. boardroom, 163. ordinary, 164. smother, 165. liberalize, 166. immigration, 167. crisis

168. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
169. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
170. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
171. They _____ admired our actions.
adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
172. Please _____ the thread onto the reel.
v. to make something, such as a film or tape, go back to the beginning
173. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
174. The school is known for its _____ student body.
adj. relating to or characterized by several cultures (= beliefs, languages, customs, traditions, etc.)
175. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
176. Superman is a classic _____ known for his superhuman strength and flying ability.
n. a fictional hero who possesses extraordinary powers and abilities and is dedicated to protecting the public

ANSWERS: 168. Congress, 169. declines, 170. humiliation, 171. greatly, 172. rewind, 173. wisdom, 174. multicultural, 175. boring, 176. superhero

177. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.
- n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
178. The _____ leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.
- adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
179. Many European citizens living in the UK are concerned about their rights post-_____.
- n.* (short for "British exit") the United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU), which originates from a nationwide referendum held in the UK on June 23, 2016, in which 51.9% of voters chose to leave the EU
180. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
181. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.
- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
182. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
183. The band played a smooth _____ that got everyone dancing.
- n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
184. Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily _____ the forest.
- v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

ANSWERS: 177. pentagon, 178. tribal, 179. Brexit, 180. bunch, 181. bold, 182. folk, 183. groove, 184. populate

185. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
186. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
187. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
188. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.
adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
189. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
190. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.
n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
191. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.
adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
192. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
193. Many people find that regular _____ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.
n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

ANSWERS: 185. capita, 186. granted, 187. weird, 188. explicit, 189. inherent, 190. monopoly, 191. supposedly, 192. percentage, 193. yoga

194. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
195. 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
196. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
197. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
198. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
199. The group aims to _____ the military regime.
v. to defeat or remove a leader or a government from a position of power by force
200. He was known for his _____ behavior.
adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
201. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 194. hurdles, 195. struggle, 196. context, 197. suspected, 198. exports, 199. overthrow, 200. promiscuous, 201. thread

202. The weather turned _____.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

203. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

204. What are the _____ that he will survive?

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

205. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

206. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

207. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

208. I miss my _____ and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

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

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

ANSWERS: 202. nasty, 203. Communal, 204. odds, 205. jail, 206. dictator, 207. coincidence, 208. homeland, 209. policy

210. The economic downturn made it necessary to _____ the business.

- v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

211. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

- adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

212. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

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

213. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

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

214. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

215. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

216. For many, the church was the only source of _____ in harsh times.

- n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

217. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

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

218. As a _____ she always focuses on finding practical solutions to problems.

- n.* a person who practically approaches situations and problems; someone who prioritizes usefulness and functionality over abstract principles or ideals

ANSWERS: 210. restructure, 211. brave, 212. optimistic, 213. combine, 214. progression, 215. seize, 216. salvation, 217. circumstances, 218. pragmatist,

219. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

220. 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

221. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

222. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

224. His rude behavior _____ many people at the party.

v. to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

225. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

226. The _____ woman spent her days volunteering at the local church.

adj. deeply religious, having or showing a strong devotion to God or religious beliefs and practices

227. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

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

ANSWERS: 219. frantic, 220. embrace, 221. extreme, 222. charismatic, 223. absolutely, 224. infuriated, 225. riots, 226. pious, 227. headline

228. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

229. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

230. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

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

231. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

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

- v.* to take part in something

233. He opened the ____ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

- n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

234. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.

- n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties

235. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 228. insisted, 229. nation, 230. elites, 231. influence, 232. participated, 233. lid, 234. pact, 235. incredibly

236. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

237. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

238. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

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

239. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

v. to give or show particular importance to something

240. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

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

241. The garden was infested with beetle _____ causing damage to the plant roots.

n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

242. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

243. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

ANSWERS: 236. conventional, 237. identity, 238. striking, 239. emphasize, 240. specific, 241. grubs, 242. spectacular, 243. minister

244. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

- v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

ANSWERS: 244. strip