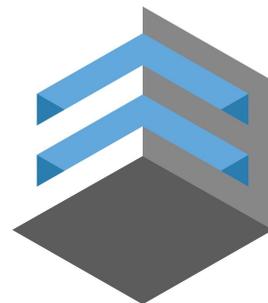


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Session 1: Word List

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.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym: gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

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.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

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

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke

when it was dropped.

intransigence

n. refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances

synonym: inflexibility, stubbornness, obstinacy

(1) managerial **intransigence**, (2) **intransigence** towards change

The company's **intransigence** in negotiating with suppliers led to consumer price hikes.

mistakenly

adv. in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

synonym: incorrectly, erroneously, wrongly

(1) **mistakenly** left his keys, (2) **mistakenly** delete the important file

He **mistakenly** thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

beget

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

synonym: be father, procreate, reproduce

(1) **beget** children, (2) **beget** fear

His irresponsible behavior may **beget** many problems for him in the future.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym: unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the

consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

imitation

n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something

synonym: fabrication, replica, fake

(1) **imitation** antique, (2) artificial **imitation**

Many individuals believe that children learn languages through **imitation**.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

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.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym: move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

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**.

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.

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**.

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.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym : doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

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.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

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.

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.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

vindication

n. justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles

synonym: justification, exoneration, absolution

(1) **vindication** of rights, (2) personal **vindication**

The acquittal of the defendant was seen as a **vindication** of their innocence.

communist

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

synonym : socialist, marxist, leninist

(1) **communist** party, (2) **communist** activist

During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of **communist** ideology.

recalcitrant

adj. obstinately resistant to authority, control, or guidance; unwilling to comply with rules, orders, or instructions; stubbornly defiant or disobedient

synonym : stubborn, defiant, disobedient

(1) **recalcitrant** student, (2) **recalcitrant** employee

The student's **recalcitrant** attitude made it difficult for the teacher to teach the class effectively.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

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.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym : genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

synonym : distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

boisterous

adj. characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy

synonym : rowdy, loud, uproarious

(1) **boisterous** crowd, (2) **boisterous** children

The children's **boisterous** laughter could be heard from down the street.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym : disgusting, offensive, foul

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

The weather turned **nasty**.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

twin

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

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

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

parents.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

cast

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

synonym: throw, project, select

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

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

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

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.

discern

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

synonym: determine, distinguish, sense

(1) **discern** the big picture, (2) **discern** friend from foe

Parents need to help their children **discern** right and wrong.

idle

adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless

synonym: inactive, jobless, inoperative

(1) live an **idle** life, (2) **idle** capital

There are several **idle** machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

extinguish

v. to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

synonym: quench, smother, blow out

(1) **extinguish** a cigarette, (2) **extinguish** the street lamp

Firefighters made every effort to **extinguish** the blaze immediately.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym: urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

machinery

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

synonym: apparatus, appliance, equipment

(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**

The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

railway

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

synonym: train line, rail line, track

(1) a private **railway**, (2) **railway** station

The **railway** system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

slush

n. partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

(1) ice **slush**, (2) illicit **slush** funds

The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and **slush**.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

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.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

cancel

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

synonym: abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial

When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

stagnant

adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
synonym : still, stagnant, unmoving

(1) **stagnant** car sales, (2) **stagnant** economy

The **stagnant** water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

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.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

consequently

adv. as a result or outcome of something
synonym : hence, accordingly, thus

(1) **consequently** unable to start her studies,

(2) **consequently** affect the organs

Consequently, the company had to lay off some of its employees.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
synonym : total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior
We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

pessimism

n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

synonym: negativity, defeatism, cynicism

(1) deep **pessimism**, (2) sense of **pessimism**

The CEO's constant **pessimism** about the company's future affected employee morale.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

prophecy

n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader

synonym: prediction, foretelling, divination

(1) **prophecy** fulfillment, (2) **prophecy** of doom

The fortune teller's **prophecy** that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.

oracle

n. a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise

significance

synonym : prophet, seer, diviner

(1) **oracle** predictions, (2) ancient **oracle**

The company's CEO was considered the **oracle** of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.

unwitting

adj. without purpose or intent

synonym : unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake

His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

quarrel

n. an argument or dispute between two or more people

synonym : argument, dispute, disagreement

(1) family **quarrel**, (2) heated **quarrel**

The two friends had a minor **quarrel** but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

wasteful

adj. characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

synonym : uneconomical, extravagant, profligate

(1) **wasteful** practices, (2) **wasteful** habits

Buying new clothes every week is a **wasteful** use of money and resources.

energize

v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate

synonym: invigorate, animate, electrify

(1) **energize** the body, (2) **energize** a team

The motivational speaker **energized** the crowd with their words.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

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

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

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

define

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

synonym : characterize, depict, express

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

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

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym : fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym : expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym : immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

ancient

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

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

pertinent

adj. relevant or applicable to a particular matter; having a direct bearing on the matter at hand

synonym: relevant, applicable, germane

(1) **pertinent** question, (2) **pertinent** topic

The judge only allowed **pertinent** evidence to be submitted during the trial.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

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

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

judgment

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

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

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

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

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**
A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

glorious

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

synonym: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

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

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

revolution

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

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

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.

charter

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym: constitution, agreement, pact

(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations
The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

separate

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

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym: ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

inexorable

adj. describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect

synonym : relentless, implacable, unyielding

(1) **inexorable** decline, (2) **inexorable** force

His **inexorable** determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.

epic

n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

synonym : legendary, mythical, classical

(1) heroic **epic**, (2) **epic** battle

The military **epic** between the two armies was one for the history books.

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.

colon

n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

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.

degenerate

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

synonym: deteriorate, decline, decay

(1) **degenerate** into a disagreement, (2) **degenerate** into recession

The once-thriving city has **degenerated** into a crime-ridden slum.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym: relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym: devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym: man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

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.

devalue

v. to reduce the value or worth of something

synonym: diminish, depreciate, reduce

(1) **devalue** the pound, (2) **devalue** a brand

Her negative comments about the project only **devalued** the team's efforts.

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.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

reunite

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

synonym: reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

exclusion

n. the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something

synonym : omission, isolation, bar

(1) gender **exclusion**, (2) **exclusion** criteria

The policy of **exclusion** has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.

debacle

n. a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess

synonym : disaster, fiasco, catastrophe

(1) the **debacle** in the stock market, (2) political **debacle**

The project turned into a complete **debacle** due to poor planning and management.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

brutality

n. the quality or state of being cruel or savage

synonym : cruelty, ferocity, savagery

(1) military **brutality**, (2) **brutality** against civilians

The protesters were outraged by the police **brutality** they witnessed at the demonstration.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

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

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

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.

automaton

n. a machine or mechanism, often in the form of a human figure that is designed to move and behave in a pre-programmed or automatic way; someone who behaves in a mechanical or robot-like manner without independent thought or feeling

synonym : robot, android, cyborg

(1) **automaton** voice, (2) a lifeless **automaton**

The factory worker felt like an **automaton**, performing the same task repeatedly.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym : droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

automatic

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

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

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

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

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym : high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also

in ideology.

configure

v. to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose

synonym: arrange, set up, organize

(1) **configure** alarm notification, (2) **configure** options

I need to **configure** my computer's settings to connect to the internet.

unify

v. to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

synonym: bring together, consolidate, merge

(1) **unify** the system, (2) **unify** the party

The people believe that they can **unify** the country.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

autocracy

n. a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society

synonym: dictatorship, tyranny, authoritarianism

(1) fight against **autocracy**, (2) absolute **autocracy**

An **autocracy** with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym : grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym : film, broadcast, doco

(1) a **documentary** film, (2) **documentary** proof

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym : beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym: look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

expend

v. to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.

synonym: disburse, spend, pay

(1) **expend** a great deal of energy, (2) **expend** time and resources

Billionaires tend to **expend** private funds on a public undertaking.

universe

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

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

indulge

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

synonym: pamper, gratify, entertain

(1) **indulge** in debauchery, (2) **indulge** children

She **indulged** in a warm bath after a long day at work.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

agora

n. in ancient Greece, a central gathering place or marketplace in a city where various activities, such as trading, political discussions, and socializing, took place

synonym : marketplace, square, forum

(1) open **agora**, (2) **agora** of ideas

The **agora** in ancient Athens was the central marketplace and gathering place for its citizens.

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.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym : business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym : branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

labor

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

synonym : toil, toil, donkeywork

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

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

obsolete

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

synonym : ancient, bygone, outdated

(1) an **obsolete** word, (2) become **obsolete**

New technology has rendered my old smartphone **obsolete**.

tug

v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times

synonym : draw, jerk, pull

(1) **tug** a rope, (2) **tug** at his hand

This movie **tugs** at everyone's heartstrings.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

towering

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

synonym : lofty, tall, excessive

(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain

The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

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

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

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing;

relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym : financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym : benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

denominate

v. to give a name to; to designate; to specify by name

synonym : name, label, identify

(1) **denominate** a numerical value, (2) **denominate** an account

The customers can choose to **denominate** their transactions in any currency they prefer.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym : ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat

than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym: insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

surplus

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym: excess, surplusage, remainder

(1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym: employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym: rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding

relationship.

woods

n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

synonym: forest, woodland, timberland

(1) mystery **woods**, (2) deep **woods**

The **woods** behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

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.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs **simultaneously**

Two students answered the teacher's question **simultaneously**.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

synonym: latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

bin

n. a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste

synonym: container, trunk, garbage can

(1) a waste **bin**, (2) mail **bin**

You can open the overhead **bin** after landing.

division

n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

synonym: branch, separator, section

(1) cellular **division**, (2) **division** chief

Which **division** of the company do you work in?

dawn

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

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

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

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

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym:

dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

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.

stagnation

n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement

synonym: inactivity, idleness, sluggishness

(1) economic **stagnation**, (2) population **stagnation**

The company's lack of innovation has led to **stagnation** and declining profits.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure

synonym: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym: eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

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.

degree

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

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

hypocrisy

n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
synonym: insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**
The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

semblance

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
synonym: appearance, facade, imitation

(1) **semblance** of truth, (2) lose **semblance** of identity
There was no **semblance** of order at the chaotic protest.

provocative

adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

synonym : instigating, provoking, inciting

(1) **provocative** questions, (2) a **provocative** smile

His **provocative** style frequently sparked controversies.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

liberalism

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

synonym : progressivism, open-mindedness, humanism

(1) classical **liberalism**, (2) economic **liberalism**

His political views are rooted in neo- **liberalism**.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

castigate

v. to reprimand or criticize severely; to condemn or punish to correct or discipline

synonym: chastise, reprimand, criticize

(1) **castigate** the staff for their behavior, (2) **castigate** the government

The politician **castigated** his opponents for their policies.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

disappoint

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

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

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

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

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.

reboot

v. to restart a computer or other device by loading and rerunning the operating system; to restart or resume an activity, process, or situation after a pause or interruption, often to improve it

synonym: restart, refresh, reinitialize

(1) **reboot** your career, (2) **reboot** system

I had to **reboot** my computer after it crashed unexpectedly.

complacency

n. a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

synonym: self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction

(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**

The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

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.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

synonym: refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

architectural

adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

synonym: structural, building, constructive

(1) study **architectural** engineering, (2) beautiful **architectural** landmarks

The **architectural** style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

manifest

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

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym: sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

foresee

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

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

extension

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

synonym: addition, augment, supplement

(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**

They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

nominal

adj. being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor

synonym: token, symbolic, insignificant

(1) **nominal** interest rate, (2) **nominal** damages

The **nominal** fee for the concert tickets was only \$10.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

troika

n. a Russian term referring to a group or coalition of three people or entities; three-horse team pulling a carriage or sleigh; a triumvirate (= a political regime ruled or dominated by three powerful individuals) or a group working together towards a common goal

synonym: trio, threesome, triumvirate

(1) economic **troika**, (2) imperial **troika**

The **troika** of countries collaborated on a joint military exercise.

imposing

adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

synonym: grand, impressive, majestic

(1) **imposing** figure, (2) **imposing** mansion

The **imposing** building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym: critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

centrifugal

adj. tending or acting to move away from a center; relating to or operating by means of this force; deviating or diverging from a common point or central idea

synonym: outward, diverging, radiating

(1) **centrifugal** acceleration, (2) **centrifugal** casting

The **centrifugal** force of the spinning ride caused my hair to fly in all directions.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

demon

n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

destroy

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

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

postmodern

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

synonym: contemporary, poststructural, relativistic

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology

The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

detrimental

adj. causing harm or damage

synonym: harmful, damaging, injurious

(1) **detrimental** eating habits, (2) **detrimental** to good health

The new policy had a **detrimental** impact on small businesses.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

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

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

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. unpaid w__es | <i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services |
| 2. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 3. in_____ve education | <i>adj.</i> including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something |
| 4. ab____t departure | <i>adj.</i> sudden and unexpected |
| 5. ine_____ly reach the consumer | <i>adv.</i> in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented |
| 6. mis_____ly delete the important file | <i>adv.</i> in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly |
| 7. int_____nce towards change | <i>n.</i> refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances |
| 8. French pa_____x | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 9. no_____l damages | <i>adj.</i> being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor |
| 10. re_____e one word with another | <i>v.</i> to take the place of something |
| 11. th_____en national security | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone |

ANSWERS: 1. wage, 2. empower, 3. inclusive, 4. abrupt, 5. inevitably, 6. mistakenly, 7. intransigence, 8. paradox, 9. nominal, 10. replace, 11. threaten

12. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
13. deep wo__s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
14. ca____l a free subscription trial *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
15. de____e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
16. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
17. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
18. 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
19. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
20. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better

ANSWERS: 12. context, 13. woods, 14. cancel, 15. debate, 16. profit, 17. improve, 18. democracy, 19. debt, 20. improve

21. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
22. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
23. the Ch_____r of the United Nations *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
24. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
25. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
26. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
27. den_____te an account *v.* to give a name to; to designate; to specify by name
28. un__y the system *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
29. lo__y ambitions *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
30. be__t fear *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
31. ut_____e a different approach *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

ANSWERS: 21. propose, 22. depression, 23. charter, 24. labor, 25. technological, 26. confine, 27. denominate, 28. unify, 29. lofty, 30. beget, 31. utilize

32. a private ind_____al
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
33. advance cap_____sm
n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
34. co_____te environment
adj. of or relating to a large company
35. a building of vast pro_____ons
n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
36. den_____te a numerical value
v. to give a name to; to designate; to specify by name
37. re_____le her mother
v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
38. un_____ng victims
adj. without purpose or intent
39. principles of un_____al design
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
40. cellular di_____on
n. the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
41. un_____h a hound
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
42. cr_____sm from the public
n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
43. di_____n the big picture
v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

ANSWERS: 32. individual, 33. capitalism, 34. corporate, 35. proportion, 36. denominate, 37. resemble, 38. unwitting, 39. universal, 40. division, 41. unleash, 42. criticism, 43. discern

44. artificial im_____on *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
45. in_____re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
46. re_____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
47. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
48. to_____ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
49. t_g at his hand *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
50. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
51. co_____st activist *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
52. co_____st party *adj.* relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)
53. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
54. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 44. imitation, 45. interfere, 46. resemble, 47. dawn, 48. towering, 49. tug, 50. spectacular, 51. communist, 52. communist, 53. implement, 54. threaten

55. business sp___e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
56. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
57. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
58. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
59. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
60. des_____ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
61. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
62. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
63. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
64. time ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

ANSWERS: 55. sphere, 56. aggressive, 57. prey, 58. philosophy, 59. practical, 60. destabilize, 61. twin, 62. planet, 63. descend, 64. extension

65. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
66. state of de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
67. di_____se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
68. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
69. lose se_____ce of identity *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
70. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
71. household an_____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
72. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
73. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
74. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 65. propose, 66. denial, 67. dispense, 68. grant, 69. semblance, 70. nation, 71. android, 72. demon, 73. prolong, 74. process

75. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
76. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
77. exploration of co____s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
78. a pro_____ve smile *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
79. ca_____al tribe *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
80. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
81. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
82. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
83. sense of pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
84. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 75. individual, 76. essential, 77. cosmos, 78. provocative, 79. cannibal, 80. gap, 81. engineer, 82. stem, 83. pessimism, 84. cast

85. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
86. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
87. ext_____sh the street lamp *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
88. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
89. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
90. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
91. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
92. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
93. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
94. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 85. mad, 86. utopia, 87. extinguish, 88. debate, 89. peak, 90. surveillance, 91. definitely, 92. empower, 93. doubt, 94. develop

95. br_____ty against civilians *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage
96. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
97. deg_____te into recession *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
98. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
99. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
100. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
101. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
102. the sets were meticulously au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
103. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
104. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 95. brutality, 96. belong, 97. degenerate, 98. profit, 99. quarter, 100. migrant, 101. analyze, 102. authentic, 103. discuss, 104. paradox

105. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
106. a ch_____r flight *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
107. ancient or_____e *n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
108. become p____y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
109. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
110. z____e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
111. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
112. the gr____s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
113. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
114. ex____d a great deal of energy *v.* to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 105. confuse, 106. charter, 107. oracle, 108. prey, 109. creditor, 110. zone, 111. reproduce, 112. gross, 113. reproduce, 114. expend

115. ext_____sh a cigarette *v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining
116. open ag__a *n.* in ancient Greece, a central gathering place or marketplace in a city where various activities, such as trading, political discussions, and socializing, took place
117. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
118. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
119. en_____ze the body *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
120. illicit sl__h funds *n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice
121. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
122. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
123. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
124. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 115. extinguish, 116. agora, 117. talent, 118. catastrophic, 119. energize, 120. slush, 121. institute, 122. constant, 123. wage, 124. foresee

125. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
126. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
127. 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
128. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
129. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
130. the co__n at the end of the sentence *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
131. avoid com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

ANSWERS: 125. shadow, 126. inclusive, 127. finance, 128. mention, 129. acquire, 130. colon, 131. complacency

132. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
133. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
134. se_____ce of truth *n.* the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity
135. self-serving hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
136. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
137. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
138. in_____e in debauchery *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
139. en_____ze a team *v.* to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
140. military br_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage

ANSWERS: 132. reinforce, 133. corporation, 134. semblance, 135. hypocrisy, 136. conflict, 137. authentic, 138. indulge, 139. energize, 140. brutality

141. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
142. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
143. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
144. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
145. economic tr___a *n.* a Russian term referring to a group or coalition of three people or entities; three-horse team pulling a carriage or sleigh; a triumvirate (= a political regime ruled or dominated by three powerful individuals) or a group working together towards a common goal
146. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
147. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
148. un__y the party *v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit
149. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 141. scared, 142. uncertain, 143. maintain, 144. implement, 145. troika, 146. constitution, 147. massive, 148. unify, 149. exchange

150. im____ng mansion *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
151. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
152. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
153. pe_____nt topic *adj.* relevant or applicable to a particular matter; having a direct bearing on the matter at hand
154. boi_____us children *adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy
155. lib_____an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
156. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
157. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 150. imposing, 151. enterprise, 152. develop, 153. pertinent, 154. boisterous, 155. libertarian, 156. minister, 157. economy

158. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
159. An_____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
160. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
161. de_____e a brand *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
162. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
163. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
164. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
165. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
166. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
167. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 158. depression, 159. android, 160. doubt, 161. devalue, 162. conflict, 163. prolong, 164. genuine, 165. elect, 166. dawn, 167. institute

168. cen_____al acceleration *adj.* tending or acting to move away from a center; relating to or operating by means of this force; deviating or diverging from a common point or central idea
169. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
170. au_____on voice *n.* a machine or mechanism, often in the form of a human figure that is designed to move and behave in a pre-programmed or automatic way; someone who behaves in a mechanical or robot-like manner without independent thought or feeling
171. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
172. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
173. st___e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
174. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
175. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
176. deep pe_____sm *n.* a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right

ANSWERS: 168. centrifugal, 169. universal, 170. automaton, 171. automatic, 172. bleak, 173. starve, 174. grant, 175. emerging, 176. pessimism

177. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
178. re_____e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
179. origin of the co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
180. the stance of mo_____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
181. a lifeless au_____on *n.* a machine or mechanism, often in the form of a human figure that is designed to move and behave in a pre-programmed or automatic way; someone who behaves in a mechanical or robot-like manner without independent thought or feeling
182. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
183. managerial int_____nce *n.* refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances
184. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
185. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
186. ca_____te the government *v.* to reprimand or criticize severely; to condemn or punish to correct or discipline

ANSWERS: 177. extent, 178. reunite, 179. cosmos, 180. monetary, 181. automaton, 182. mention, 183. intransigence, 184. absolutely, 185. invest, 186. castigate

187. end of the first qu____r
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
188. ine_____le decline
adj. describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
189. have no re_____ce
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
190. de_____yed evidence
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
191. es_____al commodities of life
adj. indispensable; fundamental
192. ex_____on criteria
n. the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
193. he is opt_____ic
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
194. co____r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
195. af____d to buy a new car
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
196. population sta_____on
n. the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement

ANSWERS: 187. quarter, 188. inexorable, 189. relevance, 190. destroy, 191. essential, 192. exclusion, 193. optimistic, 194. confer, 195. afford, 196. stagnation

197. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
198. re____e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
199. be__t children *v.* to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of
200. normal se____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
201. t_g a rope *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
202. cutting-edge inn____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
203. cr____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
204. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
205. an absolute de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
206. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
207. an ag____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
208. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 197. survive, 198. reunite, 199. beget, 200. secular, 201. tug, 202. innovation, 203. crucial, 204. cast, 205. denial, 206. trillion, 207. aggregate, 208. union

209. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
210. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
211. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
212. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
213. live an i__e life *adj.* not working hard or not having a job; useless
214. 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
215. 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
216. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

ANSWERS: 209. crush, 210. criticism, 211. crucial, 212. authoritarian, 213. idle, 214. policy, 215. struggle, 216. decision-maker

217. de_____e the pound *v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
218. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
219. in_____re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
220. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
221. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
222. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
223. civil lib_____an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
224. a gl_____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
225. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
226. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
227. a crumbling dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 217. devalue, 218. surveillance, 219. interfere, 220. slave, 221. confuse, 222. massive, 223. libertarian, 224. glorious, 225. separate, 226. innovation, 227. dystopia

228. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
229. pe_____nt question *adj.* relevant or applicable to a particular matter; having a direct bearing on the matter at hand
230. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
231. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
232. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
233. dangerous com_____cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
234. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
235. wa_____ul practices *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
236. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
237. health po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 228. demonstrate, 229. pertinent, 230. digital, 231. simultaneously, 232. terrify, 233. complacency, 234. extreme, 235. wasteful, 236. confine, 237. policy

238. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
239. di_____se with ceremony *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
240. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
241. al___e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
242. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
243. e__c battle *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
244. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
245. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
246. a private ra_____y *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
247. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 238. degree, 239. dispense, 240. talent, 241. alike, 242. disappoint, 243. epic, 244. crisis, 245. survive, 246. railway, 247. dismiss

248. cu____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
249. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
250. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
251. ma____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
252. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
253. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
254. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
255. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
256. ca_____te the staff for their behavior *v.* to reprimand or criticize severely; to condemn or punish to correct or discipline
257. re___e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
258. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 248. currency, 249. revolution, 250. unfortunately, 251. manifest, 252. destroy, 253. dystopia, 254. uncertain, 255. genuine, 256. castigate, 257. recede, 258. basis

259. inactive ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
260. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
261. im_____ng figure *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
262. sp___n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
263. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
264. re___r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
265. data ag_____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
266. study arc_____ral engineering *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
267. a lo___y peak *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

ANSWERS: 259. machinery, 260. matrix, 261. imposing, 262. spawn, 263. architecture, 264. refer, 265. aggregate, 266. architectural, 267. lofty

268. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
269. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
270. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
271. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
272. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
273. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
274. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
275. re___t system *v.* to restart a computer or other device by loading and rerunning the operating system; to restart or resume an activity, process, or situation after a pause or interruption, often to improve it
276. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
277. k__n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

ANSWERS: 268. absolutely, 269. flourish, 270. documentary, 271. revolution, 272. mad, 273. basis, 274. represent, 275. reboot, 276. crush, 277. keen

278. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
279. mystery wo__s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
280. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
281. pro____ve questions *adj.* arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately
282. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
283. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
284. economic sta____on *n.* the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement
285. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
286. su____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

ANSWERS: 278. bleak, 279. woods, 280. stem, 281. provocative, 282. smack, 283. prioritize, 284. stagnation, 285. scared, 286. surplus

287. di_____n friend from foe *v.* to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious
288. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
289. i___e capital *adj.* not working hard or not having a job; useless
290. co_____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
291. mail b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
292. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
293. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
294. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
295. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
296. co_____re alarm notification *v.* to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose
297. boi_____us crowd *adj.* characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy
298. ex___d time and resources *v.* to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.
299. political de_____e *n.* a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess

ANSWERS: 287. discern, 288. dismiss, 289. idle, 290. colossal, 291. bin, 292. opportune, 293. government, 294. unfortunately, 295. acquire, 296. configure, 297. boisterous, 298. expend, 299. debacle

300. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
301. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
302. 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.
303. im_____on antique *n.* a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
304. 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
305. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
306. heroic e__c *n.* a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive
307. rec_____ant employee *adj.* obstinately resistant to authority, control, or guidance; unwilling to comply with rules, orders, or instructions; stubbornly defiant or disobedient
308. co__n examination *n.* the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

ANSWERS: 300. spectacular, 301. wealth, 302. politician, 303. imitation, 304. tradition, 305. technological, 306. epic, 307. recalcitrant, 308. colon

309. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
310. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
311. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
312. 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
313. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
314. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
315. budget su_____s *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
316. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
317. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
318. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
319. pos_____rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

ANSWERS: 309. zone, 310. nation, 311. glorious, 312. struggle, 313. nasty, 314. replace, 315. surplus, 316. inflate, 317. universe, 318. opportune, 319. postmodern

320. cultural n__m	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
321. con_____tly unable to start her studies	<i>adv.</i> as a result or outcome of something
322. deg_____te into a disagreement	<i>v.</i> (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
323. on his own be___f	<i>n.</i> represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
324. fo_____e challenges	<i>v.</i> to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
325. no_____l interest rate	<i>adj.</i> being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor
326. opt_____ic outlook	<i>adj.</i> hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
327. de___e a word	<i>v.</i> to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
328. telephone ex_____on	<i>n.</i> a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
329. classic arc_____ure	<i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
330. expansion of the un_____se	<i>n.</i> everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 320. norm, 321. consequently, 322. degenerate, 323. behalf, 324. foresee, 325. nominal, 326. optimistic, 327. define, 328. extension, 329. architecture, 330. universe

331. em____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
332. st____nt car sales *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
333. co_____re options *v.* to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose
334. k__n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
335. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
336. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
337. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
338. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
339. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
340. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
341. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 331. emerging, 332. stagnant, 333. configure, 334. keen, 335. confer, 336. concept, 337. terrify, 338. extent, 339. shadow, 340. automatic, 341. prioritize

342. or___e predictions *n.* a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance
343. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
344. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
345. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
346. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
347. ra_____y station *n.* a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances
348. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
349. habitual ca_____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

ANSWERS: 342. oracle, 343. demonstrate, 344. desperately, 345. ancient, 346. deficit, 347. railway, 348. wealth, 349. cannibal

350. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
351. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
352. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
353. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
354. imperial tr___a *n.* a Russian term referring to a group or coalition of three people or entities; three-horse team pulling a carriage or sleigh; a triumvirate (= a political regime ruled or dominated by three powerful individuals) or a group working together towards a common goal
355. personal vin_____on *n.* justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles
356. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 350. inevitably, 351. enterprise, 352. union, 353. undermine, 354. troika, 355. vindication, 356. invest

357. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
358. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
359. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
360. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
361. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
362. gender ex_____on *n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something
363. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
364. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
365. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
366. wa_____ul habits *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

ANSWERS: 357. context, 358. eliminate, 359. fragile, 360. judgment, 361. definitely, 362. exclusion, 363. process, 364. secular, 365. elect, 366. wasteful

367. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
368. an ob_____te word *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
369. ine_____le force *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
370. the ma____x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
371. young and old al___e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
372. con_____tly affect the organs *adv.* as a result or outcome of something
373. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
374. re____t your career *v.* to restart a computer or other device by loading and rerunning the operating system; to restart or resume an activity, process, or situation after a pause or interruption, often to improve it
375. vin_____on of rights *n.* justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles

ANSWERS: 367. eliminate, 368. obsolete, 369. inexorable, 370. matrix, 371. alike, 372. consequently, 373. analyze, 374. reboot, 375. vindication

376. di____on chief *n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector
377. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
378. 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.
379. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
380. des_____ze a good relationship *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
381. sc___e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
382. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
383. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
384. rec_____ant student *adj.* obstinately resistant to authority, control, or guidance; unwilling to comply with rules, orders, or instructions; stubbornly defiant or disobedient

ANSWERS: 376. division, 377. degree, 378. politician, 379. recognize, 380. destabilize, 381. scarce, 382. corporate, 383. digital, 384. recalcitrant

385. det_____al to good health *adj.* causing harm or damage
386. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
387. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
388. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
389. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
390. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
391. classical lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
392. ca___l a class *v.* to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
393. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
394. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
395. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 385. detrimental, 386. slave, 387. nasty, 388. extreme, 389. planet, 390. miracle, 391. liberalism, 392. cancel, 393. crisis, 394. spawn, 395. debt

396. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
397. family qu____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
398. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
399. a co____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
400. a ut____a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
401. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
402. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
403. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
404. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
405. 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

ANSWERS: 396. historic, 397. quarrel, 398. smack, 399. colossal, 400. utopia, 401. disappoint, 402. twin, 403. gap, 404. peak, 405. inequality

406. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
407. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
408. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
409. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
410. become ob_____te *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
411. capital-sc___e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
412. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
413. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

ANSWERS: 406. separate, 407. exchange, 408. predator, 409. undermine, 410. obsolete, 411. scarce, 412. starve, 413. desperately

414. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
415. a waste b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
416. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
417. de_____te economy *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
418. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
419. cen_____al casting *adj.* tending or acting to move away from a center; relating to or operating by means of this force; deviating or diverging from a common point or central idea
420. pos_____rn anthropology *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
421. mo_____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
422. 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

ANSWERS: 414. similarly, 415. bin, 416. migrant, 417. decimate, 418. ancient, 419. centrifugal, 420. postmodern, 421. monetary, 422. inequality

423. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
424. to_____ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
425. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
426. ag__a of ideas *n.* in ancient Greece, a central gathering place or marketplace in a city where various activities, such as trading, political discussions, and socializing, took place
427. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
428. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
429. pr_____cy fulfillment *n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
430. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
431. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
432. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

ANSWERS: 423. migrate, 424. towering, 425. inflate, 426. agora, 427. norm, 428. descend, 429. prophecy, 430. associate, 431. statistics, 432. manifest

433. beginning of the ind_____al
revolution
434. de_____te population
435. gain pr_____al experience
436. det_____al eating habits
437. without hy_____sy
438. st_____nt economy
439. against tr_____on
440. sp_____e of influence
441. ice sl__h
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
- v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
- adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
- adj.* causing harm or damage
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
- adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
- n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

ANSWERS: 433. industrial, 434. decimate, 435. practical, 436. detrimental, 437. hypocrisy, 438. stagnant, 439. tradition, 440. sphere, 441. slush

442. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
443. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
444. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
445. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
446. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
447. beautiful arc_____ral landmarks *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
448. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
449. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
450. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
451. the de_____e in the stock market *n.* a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess
452. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
453. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
454. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

ANSWERS: 442. government, 443. transition, 444. constant, 445. unleash, 446. flourish, 447. architectural, 448. reinforce, 449. exciting, 450. creditor, 451. debacle, 452. judgment, 453. concept, 454. authoritarian

455. b_n gender-related job discrimination
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
456. pr_____cy of doom
n. a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
457. act as a dec_____ker
n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
458. victim of cat_____hic injuries
adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
459. di_____s solutions
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
460. achieve the hi_____ic feat
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
461. si_____ly situated
adv. in almost the same way
462. direct pro_____on
n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
463. under the umbrella of cap_____sm
n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
464. af____d a high travel cost
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
465. phi_____hy of education
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 455. ban, 456. prophecy, 457. decision-maker, 458. catastrophic, 459. discuss, 460. historic, 461. similarly, 462. proportion, 463. capitalism, 464. afford, 465. philosophy

466. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
467. 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
468. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
469. speak in an ab____t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
470. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
471. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
472. absolute au_____cy *n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
473. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
474. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 466. recognize, 467. economy, 468. predator, 469. abrupt, 470. industrial, 471. transition, 472. autocracy, 473. minister, 474. refer

475. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
476. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
477. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
478. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
479. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
480. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
481. heated qu_____l *n.* an argument or dispute between two or more people
482. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
483. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
484. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
485. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 475. associate, 476. represent, 477. documentary, 478. miracle, 479. fragile, 480. skeptical, 481. quarrel, 482. ban, 483. simultaneously, 484. machinery, 485. investor

486. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
487. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
488. an un_____ng mistake *adj.* without purpose or intent
489. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
490. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
491. 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
492. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
493. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
494. 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
495. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

ANSWERS: 486. gross, 487. engineer, 488. unwitting, 489. maintain, 490. recede, 491. democracy, 492. aggressive, 493. belong, 494. finance, 495. deficit

496. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
497. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
498. economic lib_____sm *n.* a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality
499. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
500. mis_____ly left his keys *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
501. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
502. fight against au_____cy *n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
503. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
504. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
505. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
506. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

ANSWERS: 496. relevance, 497. exclude, 498. liberalism, 499. exclude, 500. mistakenly, 501. migrate, 502. autocracy, 503. investor, 504. define, 505. exciting, 506. skeptical

507. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
508. de__n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
509. ut_____e a catheter *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
510. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
511. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
512. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
513. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
514. in_____e children *v.* to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat
515. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 507. behalf, 508. demon, 509. utilize, 510. statistics, 511. corporation, 512. labor, 513. currency, 514. indulge, 515. trillion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The commentaries often criticized the government's political _____.
n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
2. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
3. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
4. She _____ the balloons for the party.
v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
5. New technology has rendered my old smartphone _____.
adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
6. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
7. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 1. hypocrisy, 2. confined, 3. threatening, 4. inflated, 5. obsolete, 6. aggregate, 7. cast

8. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
9. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of _____ cancer.
n. the punctuation mark (:) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
10. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
11. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
12. The _____ building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.
adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
13. The _____ fee for the concert tickets was only \$10.
adj. being something in name only; insignificantly small, minimal, or minor
14. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
15. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 8. analyze, 9. colon, 10. transition, 11. conflicts, 12. imposing, 13. nominal, 14. quarter, 15. zone

16. The weather turned _____.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

17. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

18. 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

19. 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

20. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

21. She _____ in a warm bath after a long day at work.

v. to allow oneself or another person to have or enjoy something, especially something that is considered to be a luxury or treat

22. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

23. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

ANSWERS: 16. nasty, 17. peak, 18. elected, 19. context, 20. prioritized, 21. indulged, 22. alike, 23. architecture

24. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
- adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
25. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
26. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
27. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
28. _____ 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
29. The fortune teller's _____ that I would meet my soulmate next year has yet to come true.
- n.* a statement or prediction that something will happen in the future, typically one made by a religious leader
30. 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: 24. catastrophic, 25. ban, 26. union, 27. shadow, 28. Democracy, 29. prophecy, 30. policy

31. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
32. The two friends had a minor _____ but quickly made up and resumed their conversation.
n. an argument or dispute between two or more people
33. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
34. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.
adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
35. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
36. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
37. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.
adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful
38. The cook _____ the leftover oxtail to make soup.
v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
39. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

ANSWERS: 31. Technological, 32. quarrel, 33. dawn, 34. secular, 35. foresee, 36. starve, 37. skeptical, 38. utilized, 39. constitution

40. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

41. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

42. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

43. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

44. 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

45. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

46. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

47. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 40. decision-makers, 41. uncertain, 42. reinforce, 43. exciting, 44. mentioned, 45. Industrial, 46. exchange, 47. dystopias

48. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

adj. sudden and unexpected

49. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.

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

50. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

51. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

52. The acquittal of the defendant was seen as a _____ of their innocence.

n. justification or clearing from suspicion or accusation; proof of one's innocence or correctness; an act of defense or justification of one's actions, beliefs, or principles

53. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

54. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

ANSWERS: 48. abrupt, 49. glorious, 50. basis, 51. desperately, 52. vindication, 53. relevance, 54. utopia

55. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
56. The _____ behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.
- n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
57. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
58. Is this painting _____ or forged?
- adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
59. Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the _____ philosophy of the media.
- n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
60. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.
- adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
61. The policy of _____ has caused significant harm to marginalized communities.
- n.* the act of keeping someone or something out or preventing them from participating in or being part of something

ANSWERS: 55. paradox, 56. woods, 57. profit, 58. genuine, 59. libertarian, 60. gross, 61. exclusion

62. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
63. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
64. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
65. When customers _____ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.
v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place
66. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.
adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
67. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
68. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
69. A rose has thorns on its _____.
n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 62. recognize, 63. universal, 64. destroyed, 65. cancel, 66. keen, 67. predator's, 68. opportune, 69. stem

70. 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
71. His rudeness was _____ not intentional.
- adj.* without purpose or intent
72. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
73. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
74. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.
- v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
75. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.
- adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
76. The factory worker felt like an _____ performing the same task repeatedly.
- n.* a machine or mechanism, often in the form of a human figure that is designed to move and behave in a pre-programmed or automatic way; someone who behaves in a mechanical or robot-like manner without independent thought or feeling
77. The _____ in ancient Athens was the central marketplace and gathering place for its citizens.
- n.* in ancient Greece, a central gathering place or marketplace in a city where various activities, such as trading, political discussions, and socializing, took place

ANSWERS: 70. finance, 71. unwitting, 72. unleash, 73. spectacular, 74. excludes, 75. inevitably, 76. automaton, 77. agora

78. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
79. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
80. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
81. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
82. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
83. The once-thriving city has _____ into a crime-ridden slum.
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
84. 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.
85. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
86. The military _____ between the two armies was one for the history books.
n. a long and eventful or heroic history, story, poem, or film; (adjective) very imposing or impressive

ANSWERS: 78. creditor, 79. corporate, 80. invest, 81. unfortunately, 82. survive, 83. degenerated, 84. politician, 85. demonstrate, 86. epic

87. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

88. Parents need to help their children _____ right and wrong.

v. to see, perceive, or understand something that is not obvious

89. The new building is truly _____ towering over the surrounding buildings.

adj. extremely large and impressive

90. The company's _____ in negotiating with suppliers led to consumer price hikes.

n. refusal to compromise or negotiate; unyielding stubbornness or inflexibility in the face of different opinions, proposals, or circumstances

91. 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

92. His irresponsible behavior may _____ many problems for him in the future.

v. to cause or produce something as a result or effect; to become the father of

93. The band will _____ only for this show.

v. to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

94. The company's CEO was considered the _____ of strategic decision-making, with a track record of successful business moves.

n. a person or agency regarded as a source of wisdom, knowledge, or prophecy; an utterance, often ambiguous or obscure, that is considered to have prophetic or wise significance

ANSWERS: 87. Constant, 88. discern, 89. colossal, 90. intransigence, 91. wages, 92. beget, 93. reunite, 94. oracle

95. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.

- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

96. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

- adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

97. The pharmacist started to _____ medication to patients.

- v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

98. The _____ of countries collaborated on a joint military exercise.

- n.* a Russian term referring to a group or coalition of three people or entities; three-horse team pulling a carriage or sleigh; a triumvirate (= a political regime ruled or dominated by three powerful individuals) or a group working together towards a common goal

99. I'm _____ of insects.

- adj.* afraid or frightened

100. This movie _____ at everyone's heartstrings.

- v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times

101. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

102. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

- adv.* at the same time

ANSWERS: 95. miracle, 96. practical, 97. dispense, 98. troika, 99. scared, 100. tugs, 101. sphere, 102. simultaneously

103. I gave witness on her _____.

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

104. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

105. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.

n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line

106. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

107. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

108. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

109. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

110. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 103. behalf, 104. cosmos, 105. extension, 106. gap, 107. enterprise, 108. aggressive, 109. define, 110. slave

111. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

- v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

112. The people believe that they can _____ the country.

- v.* to bring or join something together so that they form a single unit

113. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

114. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

115. The new policy had a _____ impact on small businesses.

- adj.* causing harm or damage

116. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

- n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

117. The streets and sidewalks were covered in snow and _____.

- n.* partially melted snow or ice that is usually lying on the ground and dirty; dirty and injustice

118. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.

- adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

ANSWERS: 111. undermine, 112. unify, 113. concept, 114. matrix, 115. detrimental, 116. Depression, 117. slush, 118. scarce

119. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

- v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

120. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

121. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

- v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

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

- adj.* extremely vital or necessary

123. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.

- v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure

124. _____ the company had to lay off some of its employees.

- adv.* as a result or outcome of something

125. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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

126. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

- n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

127. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.

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

ANSWERS: 119. dismiss, 120. improve, 121. prolong, 122. crucial, 123. destabilized, 124. Consequently, 125. refer, 126. talents, 127. judgments

128. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
129. 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
130. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
131. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
132. I had to _____ my computer after it crashed unexpectedly.
v. to restart a computer or other device by loading and rerunning the operating system; to restart or resume an activity, process, or situation after a pause or interruption, often to improve it
133. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
134. The motivational speaker _____ the crowd with their words.
v. to give energy or vitality to someone or something; to invigorate
135. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 128. propose, 129. government, 130. minister, 131. develop, 132. reboot, 133. revolution, 134. energized, 135. ancient

136. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

137. 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

138. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

139. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

140. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

141. The _____ system connects cities and countries, making travel more convenient.

n. a transportation system consisting of tracks and trains, usually used for the transportation of goods or passengers over long distances

142. During the Cold War, many countries feared the spread of _____ ideology.

adj. relating to or supporting the political ideology of communism (= a form of socialism that abolishes private ownership)

ANSWERS: 136. granted, 137. inequality, 138. Capitalism, 139. decimated, 140. confused, 141. railway, 142. communist

143. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
- v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
144. An _____ with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.
- n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
145. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
146. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
- v.* to take the place of something
147. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.
- n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
148. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
- adv.* in almost the same way
149. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
150. The politician _____ his opponents for their policies.
- v.* to reprimand or criticize severely; to condemn or punish to correct or discipline

ANSWERS: 143. implement, 144. autocracy, 145. absolutely, 146. replace, 147. demon, 148. similarly, 149. institutes, 150. castigated

151. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
152. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.
n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
153. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
154. 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
155. The car was completely _____ in the accident.
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
156. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
157. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.
adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
158. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 151. automatic, 152. twin, 153. criticism, 154. crisis, 155. crushed, 156. fragile, 157. authoritarian, 158. engineer

159. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

160. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

- n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

161. He _____ thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

- adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

162. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

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

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

164. The _____ water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

- adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water

165. He won an award for that short _____.

- n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

166. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 159. process, 160. android, 161. mistakenly, 162. descended, 163. degree, 164. stagnant, 165. documentary, 166. massive

167. The customers can choose to _____ their transactions in any currency they prefer.
v. to give a name to; to designate; to specify by name
168. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
169. Many individuals believe that children learn languages through _____.
n. a duplicate of anything, particularly something valuable; the act of replicating someone or something
170. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.
adj. of or relating to the money in the country
171. The CEO's constant _____ about the company's future affected employee morale.
n. a tendency to see the worst in things and anticipate adverse outcomes; a belief that the world is generally bad or that something will go wrong more often than it will go right
172. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
173. Buying new clothes every week is a _____ use of money and resources.
adj. characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
174. The judge only allowed _____ evidence to be submitted during the trial.
adj. relevant or applicable to a particular matter; having a direct bearing on the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 167. denominate, 168. resemble, 169. imitation, 170. monetary, 171. pessimism, 172. Emerging, 173. wasteful, 174. pertinent

175. There are several _____ machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.

adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless

176. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

177. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

178. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

179. The king's political power _____ even further.

v. to pull back or move away or backward

180. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

181. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

182. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

183. The student's _____ attitude made it difficult for the teacher to teach the class effectively.

adj. obstinately resistant to authority, control, or guidance; unwilling to comply with rules, orders, or instructions; stubbornly defiant or disobedient

ANSWERS: 175. idle, 176. philosophy, 177. lofty, 178. trillion, 179. receded, 180. norms, 181. denial, 182. corporation, 183. recalcitrant

184. I need to _____ my computer's settings to connect to the internet.

v. to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose

185. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

186. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

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

187. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

188. 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

189. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.

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

190. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

191. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

ANSWERS: 184. configure, 185. associate, 186. optimistic, 187. spawn, 188. economy, 189. universe, 190. surveillance, 191. currency

192. He became in _____ after losing his job.

- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

193. Firefighters made every effort to _____ the blaze immediately.

- v.* to cause a fire to stop burning or light to stop shining

194. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

195. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

196. The _____ skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

- adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

197. The company's lack of innovation has led to _____ and declining profits.

- n.* the state or condition of not moving or making progress; lack of activity or development; a situation where economic or social conditions remain stable, but there is little growth or improvement

198. You can open the overhead ____ after landing.

- n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste

199. The _____ force of the spinning ride caused my hair to fly in all directions.

- adj.* tending or acting to move away from a center; relating to or operating by means of this force; deviating or diverging from a common point or central idea

ANSWERS: 192. debt, 193. extinguish, 194. discuss, 195. wealth, 196. towering, 197. stagnation, 198. bin, 199. centrifugal

200. Billionaires tend to _____ private funds on a public undertaking.
- v.* to use or spend time, money, energy, etc.
201. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
202. Her negative comments about the project only _____ the team's efforts.
- v.* to reduce the value or worth of something
203. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
204. The team's _____ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.
- n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
205. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
206. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.
- n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

ANSWERS: 200. expend, 201. statistics, 202. devalued, 203. belong, 204. complacency, 205. confer, 206. surplus

207. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

208. The _____ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

209. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

210. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

211. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

212. There was no _____ of order at the chaotic protest.

n. the outward appearance or visible form of something, especially when it is different from the reality beneath; a vague or superficial similarity

213. The horror movie portrayed a group of _____ who hunted humans in the woods.

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

214. His political views are rooted in neo-_____.

n. a political ideology or philosophy that emphasizes individual freedom, democracy, and equality

ANSWERS: 207. extreme, 208. postmodern, 209. flourished, 210. extent, 211. individual, 212. semblance, 213. cannibals, 214. liberalism

215. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
- v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
216. His _____ determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.
- adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
217. The _____ of the organization outlines its mission and goals.
- n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
218. The stages of the play were meticulously _____
- adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
219. The _____ style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.
- adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
220. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
221. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
222. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors
- v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

ANSWERS: 215. migrated, 216. inexorable, 217. charter, 218. authentic, 219. architectural, 220. reproduce, 221. represent, 222. manifested

223. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
- v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
224. 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
225. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.
- v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
226. Your talking _____ with my work.
- v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
227. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
- n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
228. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
229. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
- v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
230. 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

ANSWERS: 223. smacked, 224. tradition, 225. disappoint, 226. interferes, 227. migrant, 228. historic, 229. eliminate, 230. nation

231. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.

- n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

232. Which _____ of the company do you work in?

- n.* the act or outcome of splitting into separate parts; a critical organizational unit or sector

233. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

234. The protesters were outraged by the police _____ they witnessed at the demonstration.

- n.* the quality or state of being cruel or savage

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

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

236. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.

- adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

237. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

- v.* to frighten someone very much

238. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

- n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

ANSWERS: 231. deficit, 232. division, 233. planet, 234. brutality, 235. separate, 236. bleak, 237. terrify, 238. machinery

239. The children's _____ laughter could be heard from down the street.

adj. characterized by high energy, noise, or excitement; exuberant; rowdy

240. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

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

241. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

242. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

243. 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

244. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

245. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

246. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 239. boisterous, 240. digital, 241. prey, 242. innovation, 243. struggle, 244. definitely, 245. debate, 246. investors

247. His _____ style frequently sparked controversies.

adj. arousing anger, interest, or another strong reaction, especially deliberately

248. The project turned into a complete _____ due to poor planning and management.

n. a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess

249. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

250. He was ___ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

251. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

252. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

253. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

254. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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

ANSWERS: 247. provocative, 248. debacle, 249. acquire, 250. mad, 251. proportion, 252. essential, 253. maintain, 254. empowered

255. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

256. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

- adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

257. He cannot _____ a holiday.

- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

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

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

ANSWERS: 255. Doubt, 256. inclusive, 257. afford, 258. labor