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Session 1: Word List

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

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.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym : idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym : park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym : barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

palpable

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

synonym: tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

deaf

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

synonym: hearing-impaired, unresponsive, insensitive

(1) **deaf** in one ear, (2) **deaf** child

The **deaf** student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

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.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

strain

n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups

synonym: pressure, tension, breed

(1) **strain** our eyes, (2) a **strain** of bacillus

Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial **strain**.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

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.

abusive

adj. involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else

synonym: cruel, oppressive, hurtful

(1) **abusive** behavior, (2) **abusive** parent

The teacher's **abusive** language towards the students was unacceptable.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

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

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

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

mediate

v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict

synonym: arbitrate, reconcile, intervene

(1) **mediate** allergic reaction, (2) **mediate** a negotiation

The teacher had to **mediate** a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's

environment.

deprivation

n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

synonym: poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

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.

pound

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

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

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

chart

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

synonym: diagram, graph, map

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

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

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

synonym: interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical

intervention

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

slippery

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

synonym: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

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.

penny

n. a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

synonym: cent, coin, copper

(1) **penny** stock, (2) save a **penny**

I found a lucky **penny** on the ground while walking to work this morning.

gyroscope

n. a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems

synonym: gyro, stabilizer, compass

(1) **gyroscope** sensor, (2) inertial navigation **gyroscope**

The **gyroscope** in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.

spin

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

synonym: rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

frontline

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

synonym: battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

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.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

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**.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

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.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

breakdown

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization

synonym: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance

The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

brave

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

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

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

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

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym: proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

panel

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

synonym: board, commission, discussion

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

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited

the country to help rebuild its economy.

supervisor

n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others
synonym: manager, boss, overseer

(1) **supervisor** of elections, (2) immediate **supervisor**
I have to check with my **supervisor** before making any changes.

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change
The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
synonym: admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth
He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

necessarily

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

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true
This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym: lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**
The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

convinced

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

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

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

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

sup

v. to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something

(1) **sup** together, (2) **sup** a drink

I'm going to **sup** with my friends tonight at the pub.

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.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

transformation

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

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

intractable

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

synonym: obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

(1) **intractable** pain, (2) **intractable** situation

The **intractable** problem defied a solution.

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.

welfare

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

synonym : well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

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**

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.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

export

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

synonym: ship, send, transfer

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

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

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

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

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

faith

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

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

impersonal

adj. lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

synonym : detached, unemotional

(1) **impersonal** communication, (2) **impersonal** treatment

The high-rise office building had an **impersonal** atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

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

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

detached

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

synonym : separated, isolated, impersonal

(1) a **detached** palace, (2) **detached** from reality

Their dream is to buy a **detached** house.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym : underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

queue

n. a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building,

waiting for something to become available

synonym : range, sequence, waiting line

(1) form a **queue**, (2) **queue** system

There was a long **queue** at the popular attraction.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym : settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

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.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym : inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym : duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than

women.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

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.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**
The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe
synonym : sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle
The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

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.

urbanization

n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
synonym : urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area
Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
synonym : exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

loneliness

n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people

synonym: isolation, alienation, desolation

(1) a strong sense of **loneliness**, (2) remedy **loneliness**

I realize the **loneliness** of a single life.

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.

bingo

n. a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement

synonym: lotto, raffle, sweepstakes

(1) **bingo** game, (2) online **bingo** website

They won big at **bingo** last night, taking home the grand prize.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a

cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

on-demand

adj. available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay

synonym : on-request, as-needed, ad-hoc

(1) **on-demand** transportation, (2) **on-demand** delivery

Many consumers prefer **on-demand** streaming services over traditional cable TV.

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.

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym : simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

handyman

n. a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis

synonym : handyperson, jack-of-all-trades, DIYer

(1) professional **handyman**, (2) **handyman** tools

The experienced **handyman** fixed my leaky faucet and

creaky door in no time.

membership

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

synonym: belonging, enrollment, participation

(1) a **membership** fee, (2) **membership** in a stock exchange

My application for **membership** in the association was accepted.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym: fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

unwell

adj. not in good health; feeling ill or sick

synonym: sick, ill, ailing

(1) **unwell** condition, (2) feel generally **unwell**

His **unwell** symptoms included nausea and a headache.

knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

synonym: weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks

The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

dart

n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

synonym: arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym: aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem
The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

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.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign
The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

converge

v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet

synonym: congregate, assemble, concentrate

(1) **converge** of a series, (2) **converge** from different points
The two rivers **converge** into one near this area.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important
Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

underpin

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something
synonym: support, foundation, base

(1) **underpin** a structure, (2) **underpin** democratization

The research findings **underpin** the theory that human activities cause global warming.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

spine

n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

synonym: backbone, vertebra, column

(1) the **spine** of a book, (2) a cervical **spine** injury

She has a minor curved **spine** due to desk work for many years.

finite

adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.

synonym: delimited, defined, limited

(1) **finite** resources, (2) **finite** decimal

Human beings have a **finite** lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym: more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

synonym: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

logic

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

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

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

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

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

synonym: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym: expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

advert

v. an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing

synonym: advertise, mention, attend

(1) a television **advert** for the product, (2) full page **advert**

Our company took out a big **advert** next to the highway.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

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

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

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

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.

outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

synonym: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym: piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a

fraction

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym : terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

omission

n. the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required

synonym : neglect, oversight, skip

(1) homicide by **omission**, (2) serious **omission**

The **omission** of his name from the list of award recipients surprised everyone.

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.

suitable

adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

synonym : appropriate, fitting, proper

(1) **suitable** amount, (2) date **suitable** to both groups

The dress was **suitable** for the formal occasion.

outdated

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

synonym : obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
2. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
3. sup_____or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
4. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
5. un_____in a structure *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
6. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
7. lik_____ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
8. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
9. qu__e system *n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

ANSWERS: 1. communal, 2. stream, 3. supervisor, 4. mass, 5. underpin, 6. logic, 7. like-minded, 8. platform, 9. queue

10. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
11. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
12. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
13. mem_____ip in a stock exchange *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
14. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
15. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
16. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
17. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
18. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
19. ha_____an tools *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis

ANSWERS: 10. pound, 11. argument, 12. deaf, 13. membership, 14. diverse, 15. emotional, 16. crisis, 17. government, 18. suffer, 19. handyman

20. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
22. at the fr_____ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
23. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
24. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
25. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
26. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
27. make a fu_____e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
28. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
29. high vo_____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 20. opportune, 21. observe, 22. frontline, 23. contrast, 24. architect, 25. database, 26. argument, 27. futile, 28. sight, 29. volume

30. immediate sup_____or
n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others
31. ou_____ed technology
adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
32. gov_____nt funding
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
33. re_____e the trend
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
34. 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
35. a strong sense of lon_____ss
n. a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
36. a st____n of bacillus
n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
37. a co_____nt wind
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
38. official sta_____cs
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 30. supervisor, 31. outdated, 32. government, 33. reverse, 34. process, 35. loneliness, 36. strain, 37. constant, 38. statistics

39. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
40. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
41. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
42. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
43. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
44. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
45. 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
46. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
47. dr_____ul accident *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
48. the sets were meticulously au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

ANSWERS: 39. violent, 40. underlying, 41. primarily, 42. bond, 43. efficiently, 44. practical, 45. basis, 46. bureaucracy, 47. dreadful, 48. authentic

49. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
50. co____ge from different points *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
51. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
52. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
53. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
54. 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
55. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
56. un_____in democratization *v.* to support or strengthen the foundations of something
57. business ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
58. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 49. critic, 50. converge, 51. environment, 52. accord, 53. relation, 54. belong, 55. transformation, 56. underpin, 57. jargon, 58. convinced

59. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
60. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
61. fi_____e decimal *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
62. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
63. de_____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
64. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
65. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
66. me_____e a negotiation *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
67. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
68. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
69. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 59. remarkable, 60. replace, 61. finite, 62. practical, 63. decide, 64. faith, 65. hire, 66. mediate, 67. institutionalize, 68. curve, 69. poverty

70. ab____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
71. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
72. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
73. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
74. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
75. sl___r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
76. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
77. 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
78. fr_____ne health workers *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
79. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 70. absolute, 71. divide, 72. chart, 73. possibility, 74. involve, 75. sliver, 76. globe, 77. basis, 78. frontline, 79. encouraging

80. ab____e behavior *adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
81. sl____r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
82. 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
83. lack of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
84. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
85. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
86. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
87. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
88. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 80. abusive, 81. sliver, 82. tradition, 83. clarity, 84. institutionalize, 85. norm, 86. unfortunately, 87. playground, 88. absolutely

89. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
90. in___t position *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
91. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
92. su___le amount *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
93. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
94. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
95. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
96. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
97. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
98. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
99. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
100. on_____nd delivery *adj.* available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay
101. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 89. stream, 90. invert, 91. contemporary, 92. suitable, 93. emotional, 94. interaction, 95. surprisingly, 96. lifespan, 97. ultimate, 98. colony, 99. accident, 100. on-demand, 101. structure

102. child we_____e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
103. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
104. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
105. de_____ed from reality *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
106. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
107. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
108. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
109. non-urb_____ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
110. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
111. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 102. welfare, 103. surprisingly, 104. sow, 105. detached, 106. toll, 107. panel, 108. educate, 109. urbanization, 110. tackle, 111. efficient

112. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
113. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
114. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
115. become ou_____ed *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
116. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
117. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
118. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
119. tr_____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
120. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
121. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 112. statistics, 113. convinced, 114. curve, 115. outdated, 116. opposition, 117. clarity, 118. conversation, 119. transact, 120. fraction, 121. sow

122. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
123. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
124. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
125. homicide by om_____on *n.* the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required
126. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
127. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
128. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
129. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
130. eff_____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
131. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
132. chronic sleep dep_____on *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

ANSWERS: 122. abuse, 123. underlying, 124. adopt, 125. omission, 126. transact, 127. globe, 128. remarkable, 129. conversation, 130. efficiently, 131. possibility, 132. deprivation

133. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
134. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
135. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
136. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
137. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
138. 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
139. an au_____ic signature *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
140. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
141. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 133. universal, 134. mass, 135. reverse, 136. pound, 137. amaze, 138. process, 139. authentic, 140. knit, 141. environment

142. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
143. ba____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
144. pa____le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
145. cognitive com____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
146. und____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
147. lo____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
148. d__t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
149. an____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
150. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
151. a de____ed palace *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
152. a well-equipped pla____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
153. li____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 142. adopt, 143. balloon, 144. palpable, 145. complexity, 146. underestimate, 147. longevity, 148. dart, 149. anonymous, 150. brave, 151. detached, 152. playground, 153. lifetime

154. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
155. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
156. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
157. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
158. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
159. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
160. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
161. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
162. scientific ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
163. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 154. logic, 155. sight, 156. increasingly, 157. divide, 158. ratio, 159. enterprise, 160. lifetime, 161. secondly, 162. jargon, 163. disease

164. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
165. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
166. pe__y stock *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
167. s_p a drink *v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
168. 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
169. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
170. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
171. 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
172. 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

ANSWERS: 164. bulb, 165. tackle, 166. penny, 167. sup, 168. struggle, 169. bureaucracy, 170. spin, 171. discuss, 172. struggle

173. int_____le situation *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
174. 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
175. dr_____ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
176. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
177. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
178. save a pe__y *n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent
179. serious om_____on *n.* the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required
180. fu_____e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
181. professional ha_____an *n.* a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
182. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 173. intractable, 174. discuss, 175. dreadful, 176. colleague, 177. ingrained, 178. penny, 179. omission, 180. futile, 181. handyman, 182. suffer

183. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
184. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
185. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
186. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
187. 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
188. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
189. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
190. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
191. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
192. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
193. un___l condition *adj.* not in good health; feeling ill or sick
194. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
195. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 183. absolutely, 184. primarily, 185. concept, 186. migration, 187. labor, 188. brave, 189. backward, 190. modern, 191. amaze, 192. ultimate, 193. unwell, 194. pet, 195. spin

196. a fr____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
197. int_____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
198. pa_____le lie *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
199. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
200. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
201. 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
202. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
203. fi____e resources *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
204. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
205. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
206. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 196. fraction, 197. intervention, 198. palpable, 199. relation, 200. complexity, 201. inequality, 202. diverse, 203. finite, 204. tradition, 205. toll, 206. suppose

207. field of con_____ary art	<i>adj.</i> belonging to the same or present time
208. di_____e control	<i>n.</i> a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
209. ac__e triangle	<i>adj.</i> extremely sharp or severe
210. se_____ly connected	<i>adv.</i> used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
211. energy-ef_____nt appliances	<i>adj.</i> performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
212. arrive and de____t on time	<i>v.</i> to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
213. nec_____ly true	<i>adv.</i> in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
214. alcohol ad_____on	<i>n.</i> the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
215. a co_____nt temperature	<i>adj.</i> happening repeatedly or all the time
216. plant a co____y	<i>n.</i> a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
217. seasonal la__r	<i>n.</i> 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: 207. contemporary, 208. disease, 209. acute, 210. secondly, 211. efficient, 212. depart, 213. necessarily, 214. addiction, 215. constant, 216. colony, 217. labor

218. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
219. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
220. me_____e allergic reaction *v.* to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
221. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
222. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
223. a mem_____ip fee *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
224. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
225. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
226. ac__e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
227. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
228. k__t a pair of socks *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
229. sl_____ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

ANSWERS: 218. addiction, 219. involve, 220. mediate, 221. critic, 222. accident, 223. membership, 224. ingrained, 225. unemployed, 226. acute, 227. norm, 228. knit, 229. slippery

230. a nervous br_____wn *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
231. 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
232. co_____ge of a series *v.* to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
233. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
234. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
235. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
236. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
237. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
238. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
239. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
240. co____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

ANSWERS: 230. breakdown, 231. belong, 232. converge, 233. administer, 234. decide, 235. encourage, 236. interaction, 237. opportune, 238. poverty, 239. encouraging, 240. contrast

241. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
242. s_p together *v.* to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
243. dep_____on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
244. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
245. 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
246. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
247. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
248. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 241. educate, 242. sup, 243. deprivation, 244. stick, 245. inequality, 246. observe, 247. structure, 248. stick

249. li_____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
250. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
251. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
252. co_____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
253. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
254. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
255. 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
256. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
257. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more

ANSWERS: 249. lifespan, 250. export, 251. shocking, 252. confess, 253. enterprise, 254. anonymous, 255. economy, 256. platform, 257. increasingly

258. a sl____ry customer *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
259. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
260. in____t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
261. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
262. bi__o game *n.* a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement
263. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
264. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
265. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
266. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
267. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
268. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

ANSWERS: 258. slippery, 259. opposition, 260. invert, 261. eradicate, 262. bingo, 263. shocking, 264. backward, 265. replace, 266. quarter, 267. pet, 268. confess

269. a television ad___t for the product *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
270. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
271. out_____rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
272. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
273. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
274. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
275. date su_____le to both groups *adj.* fit or appropriate; proper; adapted
276. a cervical sp__e injury *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
277. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
278. a we_____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

ANSWERS: 269. advert, 270. isolate, 271. outperform, 272. violent, 273. chart, 274. encourage, 275. suitable, 276. spine, 277. unfortunately, 278. welfare

279. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
280. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
281. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
282. ex___t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
283. blow d__t *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
284. de_____te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
285. urb_____ion process *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
286. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
287. online bi__o website *n.* a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement

ANSWERS: 279. panel, 280. transformation, 281. tragic, 282. export, 283. dart, 284. desolate, 285. urbanization, 286. colleague, 287. bingo

288. the sp__e of a book *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
289. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
290. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
291. imp_____al communication *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
292. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
293. d__f in one ear *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
294. gy_____pe sensor *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
295. inertial navigation gy_____pe *n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems

ANSWERS: 288. spine, 289. database, 290. isolate, 291. impersonal, 292. migration, 293. deaf, 294. gyroscope, 295. gyroscope

296. form a qu__e *n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available
297. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
298. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
299. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
300. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
301. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
302. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
303. ab_____e parent *adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
304. on_____nd transportation *adj.* available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay

ANSWERS: 296. queue, 297. administer, 298. eradicate, 299. faith, 300. volume, 301. universal, 302. necessarily, 303. abusive, 304. on-demand

305. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
306. full page ad____t *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
307. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
308. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
309. tr____c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
310. 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
311. 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
312. out_____rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
313. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

ANSWERS: 305. recommend, 306. advert, 307. intervention, 308. unemployed, 309. tragic, 310. policy, 311. policy, 312. outperform, 313. balloon

314. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
315. int_____le pain *adj.* difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate
316. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
317. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
318. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
319. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
320. find a lik_____ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
321. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
322. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
323. a de_____te scene *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
324. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
325. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
326. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 314. recommend, 315. intractable, 316. quarter, 317. modern, 318. abuse, 319. crisis, 320. like-minded, 321. longevity, 322. communal, 323. desolate, 324. concept, 325. architect, 326. suppose

327. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
328. remedy lon_____ss *n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
329. 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
330. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
331. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
332. st____n our eyes *n.* a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
333. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
334. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
335. br_____wn maintenance *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
336. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

ANSWERS: 327. underestimate, 328. loneliness, 329. economy, 330. bond, 331. absolute, 332. strain, 333. hire, 334. depart, 335. breakdown, 336. bulb

337. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
338. imp_____al treatment *adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person
339. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
340. feel generally un___l *adj.* not in good health; feeling ill or sick

ANSWERS: 337. accord, 338. impersonal, 339. ratio, 340. unwell

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

2. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

3. I have to check with my _____ before making any changes.
n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others

4. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

5. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

6. 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

7. The dress was _____ for the formal occasion.
adj. fit or appropriate; proper; adapted

ANSWERS: 1. abuse, 2. accord, 3. supervisor, 4. colony, 5. convinced, 6. economy, 7. suitable

8. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.
- v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
9. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
10. The teacher had to _____ a disagreement between two students over a stolen pencil.
- v. to try to bring about an agreement or understanding between people who are in conflict
11. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.
- v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
12. My father was _____ for so long.
- adj.* not having a job, although able to work
13. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
14. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.
- n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
15. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 8. educate, 9. administer, 10. mediate, 11. sowed, 12. unemployed, 13.

platform, 14. intervention, 15. observe

16. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
17. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
18. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
19. Losing him is great _____ to our team.
n. a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
20. 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
21. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
22. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
23. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.
adv. mainly

ANSWERS: 16. encouraged, 17. complexity, 18. encouraging, 19. deprivation, 20. crisis, 21. opposition, 22. disease, 23. primarily

24. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
25. My application for _____ in the association was accepted.
n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
26. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
27. 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
28. There's no _____ in his description.
n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
29. We _____ taking media training every six months.
v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
30. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.
v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
31. Rapid _____ has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.
n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

ANSWERS: 24. tackle, 25. membership, 26. emotional, 27. government, 28. logic, 29. recommend, 30. confessed, 31. urbanization

32. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
33. 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
34. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
35. I realize the _____ of a single life.
- n.* a state or feeling of being unhappy because you have no connection with other people
36. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
- n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
37. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
38. Their dream is to buy a _____ house.
- adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

ANSWERS: 32. transformations, 33. belong, 34. panel, 35. loneliness, 36. bureaucracy, 37. decide, 38. detached

39. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
40. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.
- n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
41. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
- adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
42. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
43. The _____ in the spacecraft helps to stabilize its orientation during the mission.
- n.* a device consisting of a spinning wheel or disk mounted in such a way that it can rotate freely in any direction, used to maintain balance, stability, or orientation in navigation, aerospace, or other systems
44. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
45. The light _____ has burned out.
- n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
46. The _____ student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.
- adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

ANSWERS: 39. globe, 40. enterprise, 41. tragic, 42. architect, 43. gyroscope, 44. diverse, 45. bulb, 46. deaf

47. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
48. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
49. I have a parrot as a _____.
- n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
50. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
51. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
52. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
53. 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
54. His _____ symptoms included nausea and a headache.
- adj.* not in good health; feeling ill or sick

ANSWERS: 47. streams, 48. environment, 49. pet, 50. suffers, 51. conversation, 52. divide, 53. labor, 54. unwell

55. 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
56. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
57. The _____ of his name from the list of award recipients surprised everyone.
- n.* the act of leaving out, neglecting, or failing to include or mention something or someone; a failure to do something that is expected or required
58. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
- v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
59. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
60. She received several _____ calls.
- adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
61. Human beings have a _____ lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.
- adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
62. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

ANSWERS: 55. process, 56. interaction, 57. omission, 58. underestimated, 59. structure, 60. anonymous, 61. finite, 62. reversed

63. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

64. The _____ principle of every business was identical.

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

65. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

66. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

67. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

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

68. The _____ of the machinery caused a delay in production.

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization

69. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

70. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

71. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 63. contrast, 64. underlying, 65. backward, 66. possibility, 67. practical, 68. breakdown, 69. addiction, 70. opportune, 71. secondly,

72. I found a lucky _____ on the ground while walking to work this morning.

- n.* a small denomination of currency or coin, typically the smallest unit of a currency system; in the US, a coin worth one cent

73. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

74. A poison _____ hit him.

- n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

75. There is no _____ car park nearby.

- n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

76. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

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

77. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

- n.* the condition of being extremely poor

78. How extraordinarily _____ a liar the camera is.

- adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

79. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 72. penny, 73. accident, 74. dart, 75. toll, 76. spinning, 77. poverty, 78. slippery, 79. curve

80. 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
81. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.
- n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
82. Many consumers prefer _____ streaming services over traditional cable TV.
- adj.* available as needed or requested, often referring to products or services that can be accessed or delivered instantly or with minimal delay
83. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
84. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
85. They won big at _____ last night, taking home the grand prize.
- n.* a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement
86. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
87. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 80. quarter, 81. balloon, 82. on-demand, 83. volume, 84. argument, 85. bingo, 86. ultimate, 87. adopted

88. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
89. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
90. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
91. Our company took out a big _____ next to the highway.
v. an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
92. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
93. 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
94. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.
n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
95. Dictators of the past often had the erroneous idea of a pure racial _____.
n. a force or pressure that stretches or pulls something, sometimes causing damage; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
96. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

ANSWERS: 88. relations, 89. increasingly, 90. unfortunately, 91. advert, 92. critics, 93. struggle, 94. migration, 95. strain, 96. longevity

97. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

98. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

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

99. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

100. He decided to _____ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

101. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

102. They had formed a friendship _____.

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

103. 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

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

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

ANSWERS: 97. lifetime, 98. faith, 99. concept, 100. invert, 101. lifespan, 102. bond, 103. tradition, 104. brave

105. We replaced _____ equipment to improve factory productivity.

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

106. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

107. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

108. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

110. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

111. Within days, the new aircraft was in _____ service.

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

112. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

ANSWERS: 105. outdated, 106. ingrained, 107. isolate, 108. violent, 109. absolutely, 110. efficient, 111. frontline, 112. stick

113. The tension in the room was _____ as they waited for the results to come in.
adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
114. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
115. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
116. The two rivers _____ into one near this area.
v. to move or draw together at a specific location; (of lines) to move towards the same point where they join or meet
117. 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
118. She struggled for years to survive without _____.
n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
119. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.
n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
120. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.
n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

ANSWERS: 113. palpable, 114. replace, 115. departed, 116. converge, 117. inequality, 118. welfare, 119. sliver, 120. playground

121. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

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

122. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.

- adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

123. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

124. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

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

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

126. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

- n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

127. The conditions of the prison were _____ and inhumane.

- adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

128. Each country's officials can access the central _____.

- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

129. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

ANSWERS: 121. institutionalize, 122. efficiently, 123. suppose, 124. Constant, 125. pounds, 126. sights, 127. dreadful, 128. database, 129. norms

130. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
131. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder
132. I'm going to ____ with my friends tonight at the pub.
v. to eat or have a meal, typically used in informal or colloquial speech; (noun) a small drink of something
133. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
134. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
135. 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
136. The experienced _____ fixed my leaky faucet and creaky door in no time.
n. a person who is skilled at a variety of tasks related to home repair, maintenance, and improvement, typically performed on a part-time or freelance basis
137. She has a minor curved _____ due to desk work for many years.
n. the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

ANSWERS: 130. modern, 131. surprisingly, 132. sup, 133. exports, 134. mass, 135. discuss, 136. handyman, 137. spine

138. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

139. This accident was something that happened _____.

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

140. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

141. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

142. 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

143. They formed a group of _____ individuals who shared a common goal.

adj. having the same ideas or interests

144. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

145. I need to _____ some business at the bank before it closes.

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

ANSWERS: 138. shocking, 139. necessarily, 140. Contemporary, 141. universal, 142. basis, 143. like-minded, 144. statistics, 145. transact

146. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

147. The financial industry is notorious for using complicated _____ that confuses consumers.

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

148. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

149. This pie _____ represents our market share.

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

150. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

151. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

152. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

153. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

ANSWERS: 146. futile, 147. jargon, 148. hire, 149. chart, 150. remarkable, 151. eradicate, 152. knit, 153. Communal

154. There was a long _____ at the popular attraction.

- n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

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

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

156. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.

- adj.* extremely sharp or severe

157. They consistently _____ other teams in the league.

- v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

158. The high-rise office building had an _____ atmosphere, making it feel corporate and uninviting.

- adj.* lacking personal warmth or feeling; not influenced by personal feelings or individual characteristics; relating to an object or concept rather than a specific person

159. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

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

160. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.

- n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

161. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

- v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 154. queue, 155. involves, 156. acute, 157. outperformed, 158. impersonal, 159. authentic, 160. clarity, 161. amazed

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

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

163. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

164. 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

165. The deserted island was _____ and uninhabited.

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

166. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

167. The research findings _____ the theory that human activities cause global warming.

v. to support or strengthen the foundations of something

168. The teacher's _____ language towards the students was unacceptable.

adj. involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else

ANSWERS: 162. colleague, 163. fraction, 164. policy, 165. desolate, 166. ratio, 167. underpin, 168. abusive

169. The _____ problem defied a solution.

adj. difficult to manage or control; stubborn or obstinate

170. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 169. intractable, 170. absolute