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Session 1: Word List

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership
In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

distant

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

synonym : far, isolated, remote

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

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

landscape

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

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

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

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

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym : revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym : daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

rainbow

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

synonym : spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

afford

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

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**
I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

outdoors

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

synonym: outside, al fresco, in the open air

(1) exhausted **outdoors**, (2) sleep **outdoors**

She loves to hike **outdoors** and explore nature.

rodent

n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

synonym: mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

gnaw

v. to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

synonym: chew, bite, annoy

(1) **gnaw** a hole in a wall, (2) **gnaw** at the national sentiment

She couldn't stop **gnawing** on her nails.

despair

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

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

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

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

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym: forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something
synonym : readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

behalf

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

synonym : benefit, advantage, favor

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

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

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

gap

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

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

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.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym : courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

incorporate

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

synonym: contain, integrate, amalgamate

(1) **incorporate** the current trends, (2) **incorporate** technology into daily life

We will attempt to **incorporate** some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

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

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

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym: empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

canvas

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

fanciful

adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

synonym: imaginative, whimsical, fantastic

(1) **fanciful** idea, (2) **fanciful** tale

Her **fanciful** imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

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.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

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

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

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym: submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

sunshine

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
synonym : sunlight, daylight, rays

(1) warm **sunshine**, (2) morning **sunshine**

The **sunshine** was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

promote

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

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

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

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

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym :

basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights
Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

aquifer

n. an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water

(1) **aquifer** soil, (2) subsurface **aquifer**

Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground

aquifers.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

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

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

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym: frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

warn

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

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

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

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

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

disinterest

n. lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality

synonym: impartiality, neutrality, detachment

(1) show **disinterest**, (2) **disinterest** in politics

The judge's **disinterest** in the case allowed for an impartial decision.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

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**.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

wetland

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

synonym: bog, marsh, swamp

(1) **wetland** conservation, (2) **wetland** ecosystem

The **wetland** area was home to many different species of birds.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

obstacle

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

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

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

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

overcome

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

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

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

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

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym: financial, fiscal, economic

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

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

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym: port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

alligator

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

synonym: crocodile, caiman, gator

(1) **alligator** habitat, (2) **alligator** watch strap

Alligator skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

cuddle

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

synonym: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym: envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym: draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid
Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

essence

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

synonym : core, nature, disposition

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

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

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

backpedal

v. to move the pedals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion

synonym : fall back, retract, backtrack

(1) **backpedal** on my drive, (2) quickly **backpedal**

She **backpedaled**, saying that she had no intention of offending them.

sodden

adj. soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience

synonym : soggy, saturated, soaked

(1) **sodden** ground, (2) **sodden** clothes

The campers' tent became **sodden** after an unexpected storm.

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym : open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

interspecies

adj. occurring between or involving different species;
pertaining to interactions between different species

synonym: interbreeding, crossbreeding, mixed

(1) **interspecies** interaction, (2) **interspecies** communication

There are many cases of **interspecies** cooperation in the animal kingdom.

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.

watershed

n. an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins

synonym: divide, separator, boundary

(1) the hydrology of a **watershed**, (2) **watershed** conservation

Watershed management strategies aim to reduce pollution and protect water resources.

prothonotary

n. a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents

synonym: clerk, registrar, secretary

(1) court **prothonotary**, (2) deputy **prothonotary**

The **prothonotary's** office handled all official filings for the court.

warble

v. (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice

synonym: tweet, trill, quaver

(1) **warble** all day long, (2) **warble** incessantly

The singer **warbles** on the street, but no one is listening.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym: roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

flood

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

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

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

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

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up
synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory
I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

sod

n. a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt

synonym: turf, dirt, ground

(1) **sod** house, (2) **sod** roof
I slipped and fell on the wet **sod** after the rainstorm.

narrative

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

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**
The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

unravel

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

synonym: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot
Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

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.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

abound

v. to exist in large numbers or quantities

synonym: flourish, proliferate, thrive

(1) fish **abound** in this river, (2) **abound** with screaming children

Rumors **abound** as to the reasons for her resignation.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomfoting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym: paddle, trudge, slosh

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork
I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

latent

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

synonym: dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

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.

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

adapt

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

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

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

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

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym : affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

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.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

concrete

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

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

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

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

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

cypress

n. a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees

synonym :

evergreen, conifer

(1) **cypress** swamp, (2) **cypress** wood

The **cypress** trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym: insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

reptile

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

synonym: lizard, serpent, snake

(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**

Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.

affirmation

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

synonym: confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

embrace

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

synonym: grasp, hold tightly, accept

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

The woods **embrace** the house.

wholly

adv. completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

synonym: completely, entirely, totally

(1) **wholly** inadequate, (2) **wholly** healthy food

I am **wholly** committed to this project and will work hard to

bring it to fruition.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

corkscrew

n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

synonym: spiral, bottle opener, wine opener

(1) **corkscrew** bottle opener, (2) **corkscrew** staircase

The gymnast executed a breathtaking **corkscrew** flip, landing perfectly on the mat.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the

national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

inspire

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

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

downpour

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

synonym: rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

overflow

v. to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough

synonym: spill, inundate, flood

(1) **overflow** on the platform, (2) **overflow** with emotion

The river **overflowed** its banks during the heavy rain.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym: slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

westward

adj. directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

synonym: western, westerly, westbound

(1) **westward** expansion, (2) **westward** migration

Lewis and Clark's **westward** journey was an important exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

topography

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

synonym: terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

slew

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay;
(noun) a large number or amount or extent

synonym: slide, curve, (noun) heap

(1) **slew** around suddenly, (2) have a **slew** of ideas

He **slew** many Trojan warriors in this war.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

bay

n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

synonym: inlet, cove, gulf

(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**

She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.

emerald

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

synonym: green, verdant, jade

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

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

gem

n. a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

synonym: jewel, precious stone, diamond

(1) **gem** collection, (2) hidden **gem**

The enga **gement** ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

estuary

n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

synonym: delta, mouth, inlet

(1) **estuary** port, (2) **estuary** delta

The mouth of the river formed an **estuary** where saltwater and freshwater met.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym: contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

insufficient

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

synonym: deficient, inadequate, scarce

(1) **insufficient** evidence, (2) there are **insufficient** doctors

We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were **insufficient**.

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.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

dam

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

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

dredge

v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process

synonym: dig, scoop, unearth

(1) **dredge** up memories, (2) **dredge** a river

The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to **dredge** the wetlands for oil drilling.

intrinsically

adv. from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

synonym: inherently, essentially, fundamentally

(1) **intrinsically** motivated, (2) **intrinsically** valuable

The kindness of strangers is **intrinsically** rewarding, even when no reward is expected.

peak

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

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

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

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

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

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.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

florid

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy

synonym : ornate, elaborate, flowery

(1) **florid** music, (2) **florid** style

The **florid** language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym : beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym : infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

sugarcane

n. a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products

(1) **sugarcane** plantation, (2) sugar made from **sugarcane**

Sugarcane juice was a popular drink in the hot weather.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym : throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym : enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book

Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym : manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

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.

icon

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

synonym : figure, hero, idol

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

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

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

kite

n. a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

(1) **kite** string, (2) a picture on a **kite**

Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with **kites**.

aquatic

adj. growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water

synonym : marine, submarine, oceanic

(1) **aquatic** vehicles, (2) **aquatic** life

Aquatic ecosystems perform many essential environmental functions.

gastropod

n. a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks

synonym : snail, slug, whelk

(1) terrestrial **gastropod**, (2) marine **gastropod**

Humans have used the shells of **gastropods** for thousands of years as tools, ornaments, and currency.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**
In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym: at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

submerge

v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

synonym: deluge, drench, dunk

(1) **submerge** in a liquid, (2) **submerge** my head completely

The ship was **submerged** in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

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.

waist

n. the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals

synonym: midriff, torso, abdomen

(1) **waist** measurement, (2) a slim **waist**

She cinched her dress at the **waist** to accentuate her hourglass figure.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

dawn

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

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

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

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

dusk

n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

synonym: twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

cattail

n. a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas

synonym: marsh plant, bulrush, reed

(1) wild **cattail**, (2) **cattail** marsh

The **cattail** plants at the pond's edge provided a habitat for various water birds.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal
The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

beeline

n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen

synonym: shortest route, direct path, straight line

(1) take a **beeline** approach, (2) a **beeline** to the exit
After finishing his last final exam, he made a **beeline** for the home to relax.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months
He was sick for five **straight** days.

sunburn

n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

synonym: burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream
I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

perspective

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

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym : unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym : swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

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.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

apex

n. the highest point or tip of something
synonym: summit, peak, zenith

(1) **apex** predator, (2) **apex** position

The company reached the **apex** of success in the market.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

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

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

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.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

keystone

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

synonym: linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

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

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

dominate

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

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

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

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

pit

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

synonym: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

rally

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

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

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

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

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

ban

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

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

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

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

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym : feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym : spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

drawdown

n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with

investment or borrowing

synonym: decline, reduction, decrease

(1) **drawdown** period, (2) investment **drawdown**

The organization initiated a **drawdown** of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.

tactile

adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

synonym: touchable, tangible, palpable

(1) **tactile** stimulation, (2) **tactile** feedback

The **tactile** sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

feeder

n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process

synonym: supply, provider, dispenser

(1) **feeder** fish, (2) **feeder** artery

Many different types of birds visited the bird **feeder**.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym: barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

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

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym : unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

immovable

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

synonym : inflexible, fixed, rigid

(1) **immovable** property, (2) **immovable** facts

The corporation's CEO was an **immovable** force, determined to keep the company profitable at all costs.

frontier

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

synonym : border, boundary, borderland

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

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

appraisal

n. an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

synonym : assessment, evaluation, judgment

(1) performance **appraisal**, (2) real estate **appraisal**

She received a positive **appraisal** from her boss for her outstanding performance at work.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity**

treaty.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

debate

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

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

undertaking

n. a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging

synonym : task, effort, enterprise

(1) great **undertaking**, (2) public welfare **undertaking**

Project planning for software development is never an easy **undertaking**.

resident

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

synonym : dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

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

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

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

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.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

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.

cloak

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

synonym: cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym : lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

compass

n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

synonym : guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

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.

emblem

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

synonym : symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

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.

swampy

adj. characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

synonym : marshy, boggy, mucky

(1) **swampy** grounds, (2) **swampy** terrain

The hiking trail was closed due to the **swampy** conditions caused by heavy rain.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym : desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym: enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye
Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

spotlight

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

synonym: limelight, stage light, highlight

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

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

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

prod

v. to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

synonym: poke, jab, nudge

(1) **prod** him into action, (2) **prod** him with a stick

She used a stick to **prod** the fire and make it burn brighter.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 2. Doppler sh__t | <i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend |
| 3. re_____e exhibition | <i>n.</i> a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles |
| 4. d_m collapsing | <i>n.</i> a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy |
| 5. s__w around suddenly | <i>v.</i> to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent |
| 6. his research area of
con_____ion | <i>n.</i> the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else. |
| 7. pa_____le lie | <i>adj.</i> able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible |
| 8. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 9. field of vi___l arts | <i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight |
| 10. int_____ies interaction | <i>adj.</i> occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species |
| 11. do_____te possession | <i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something |

ANSWERS: 1. decide, 2. shift, 3. reptile, 4. dam, 5. slew, 6. concentration, 7. palpable, 8. ancestor, 9. visual, 10. interspecies, 11. dominate

12. subsurface aq____r *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
13. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
14. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
15. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
16. take a be____e approach *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
17. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
18. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
19. pho____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
20. sp____ht moment *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
21. a di____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 12. aquifer, 13. shift, 14. crazy, 15. industrious, 16. beeline, 17. folk, 18. photograph, 19. photograph, 20. spotlight, 21. digital

22. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
23. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
24. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
25. ke_____ne for success *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
26. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
27. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
28. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
29. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
30. p__d him into action *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
31. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
32. b_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

ANSWERS: 22. valley, 23. narrative, 24. visual, 25. keystone, 26. excavate, 27. resilient, 28. despair, 29. misunderstand, 30. prod, 31. disconnect, 32. bay

33. al_____or watch strap *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
34. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
35. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
36. su_____n cream *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
37. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
38. su_____ge in a liquid *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
39. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
40. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
41. sw____y terrain *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
42. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 33. alligator, 34. ecology, 35. wasteland, 36. sunburn, 37. negative, 38. submerge, 39. endangered, 40. surround, 41. swampy, 42. flood

43. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
44. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
45. dr___e a river *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
46. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
47. court pro_____ary *n.* a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents
48. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
49. soil con_____ion *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
50. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 43. harbor, 44. responsible, 45. dredge, 46. polluted, 47. prothonotary, 48. discovery, 49. conservation, 50. scan

51. untold de____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
52. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
53. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
54. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
55. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
56. family em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
57. 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
58. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
59. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

ANSWERS: 51. despair, 52. bless, 53. peak, 54. architect, 55. unhealthy, 56. emblem, 57. economy, 58. ambassador, 59. breed

60. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
61. public welfare und_____ng *n.* a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging
62. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
63. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
64. un_____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
65. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
66. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
67. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
68. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
69. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 60. unfortunately, 61. undertaking, 62. adapt, 63. drain, 64. unravel, 65. steward, 66. gulf, 67. communicate, 68. concrete, 69. essence

70. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
71. a sheltered ha___r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
72. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
73. torrential do____ur *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
74. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
75. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
76. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
77. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
78. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
79. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree

ANSWERS: 70. wade, 71. harbor, 72. narrative, 73. downpour, 74. debate, 75. ubiquitous, 76. willingness, 77. drain, 78. inspire, 79. exceedingly

80. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
81. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
82. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
83. the bottomless p_t *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
84. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
85. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
86. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
87. sw___y grounds *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
88. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
89. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
90. s_d house *n.* a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt

ANSWERS: 80. freshwater, 81. conversation, 82. define, 83. pit, 84. invisible, 85. dam, 86. ancestor, 87. swampy, 88. attach, 89. relation, 90. sod

91. 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
92. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
93. fl___d music *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
94. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
95. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
96. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
97. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
98. 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
99. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
100. im____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind

ANSWERS: 91. decide, 92. define, 93. florid, 94. disrupt, 95. deem, 96. urban, 97. modern, 98. process, 99. environment, 100. imaginary

101. so___n clothes *adj.* soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience
102. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
103. fe___r fish *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
104. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
105. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
106. un_____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
107. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
108. cy_____s swamp *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
109. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
110. marine ga_____od *n.* a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks

ANSWERS: 101. sodden, 102. bless, 103. feeder, 104. agriculture, 105. decision, 106. unravel, 107. agriculture, 108. cypress, 109. ambassador, 110. gastropod

111. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
112. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
113. ta____e feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
114. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
115. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
116. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
117. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
118. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
119. courtroom sto____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
120. fa____ul idea *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
121. detailed top____hy *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

ANSWERS: 111. hire, 112. imaginary, 113. tactile, 114. assume, 115. suddenly, 116. spirit, 117. dawn, 118. ancient, 119. storytelling, 120. fanciful, 121. topography

122. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
123. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
124. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
125. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
126. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
127. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
128. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
129. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
130. play in the ba_____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
131. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
132. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 122. adventure, 123. scream, 124. curiosity, 125. excite, 126. icon, 127. underwater, 128. heal, 129. privilege, 130. backyard, 131. scary, 132. debate

133. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
134. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
135. g__w at the national sentiment *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
136. a slim wa__t *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
137. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
138. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
139. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
140. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
141. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
142. statement of aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
143. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
144. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 133. ultimate, 134. architect, 135. gnaw, 136. waist, 137. storytelling, 138. misunderstand, 139. boundary, 140. incredible, 141. compound, 142. affirmation, 143. spook, 144. fortunate

145. fe___r artery *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
146. fa_____ul tale *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
147. ins_____ent evidence *adj.* not enough for a particular purpose
148. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
149. su_____ge my head completely *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
150. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
151. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
152. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
153. the Italian fr_____er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
154. make dr_____c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
155. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 145. feeder, 146. fanciful, 147. insufficient, 148. overcome, 149. submerge, 150. hometown, 151. dump, 152. relative, 153. frontier, 154. drastic, 155. vulnerable

156. performance ap_____al *n.* an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
157. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
158. hooded cl__k *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
159. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
160. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
161. wild ca_____l *n.* a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas
162. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
163. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
164. inc_____te technology into daily life *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
165. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 156. appraisal, 157. afford, 158. cloak, 159. eventually, 160. afford, 161. cattail, 162. promote, 163. mosquito, 164. incorporate, 165. spirit

166. 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
167. blank ca____s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
168. quickly ba_____al *v.* to move the pedals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion
169. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
170. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
171. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
172. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
173. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
174. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 166. encourage, 167. canvas, 168. backpedal, 169. distant, 170. landscape, 171. disconnect, 172. haunted, 173. resident, 174. folk

175. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
176. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
177. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
178. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
179. exhausted ou_____rs *adv.* in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
180. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
181. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
182. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
183. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
184. wa_____ed conservation *n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
185. 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
186. g__w a hole in a wall *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

ANSWERS: 175. aesthetic, 176. regard, 177. elect, 178. negative, 179. outdoors, 180. dominate, 181. decline, 182. biology, 183. hire, 184. watershed, 185. discuss, 186. gnaw

187. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
188. pu___e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
189. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
190. h___l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
191. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
192. bl___k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
193. sp___k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
194. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
195. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
196. fossil re_____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

ANSWERS: 187. silent, 188. pulse, 189. opportune, 190. heal, 191. conversation, 192. blank, 193. spook, 194. alarming, 195. adventure, 196. reptile

197. st____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
198. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
199. the mouth of a b_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
200. we_____rd expansion *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
201. top_____hy map *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
202. 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
203. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
204. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 197. steward, 198. equivalent, 199. bay, 200. westward, 201. topography, 202. discuss, 203. wildlife, 204. valley

205. ho____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
206. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
207. k__e string *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
208. uns____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
209. ob____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
210. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
211. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
212. al____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
213. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
214. es____y port *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
215. dr____c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

ANSWERS: 205. hometown, 206. warn, 207. kite, 208. unstoppable, 209. obstacle, 210. environment, 211. dike, 212. alarming, 213. fuel, 214. estuary, 215. drastic

216. dis_____st in politics *n.* lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality
217. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
218. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
219. half-a___e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
220. the stance of mo_____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
221. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
222. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
223. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
224. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
225. we_____rd migration *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

ANSWERS: 216. disinterest, 217. roughly, 218. brainstorming, 219. acre, 220. monetary, 221. behalf, 222. ban, 223. ancient, 224. narrate, 225. westward

226. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
227. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
228. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
229. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
230. aq_____r soil *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
231. read a co_____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
232. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
233. mo_____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
234. coastal d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

ANSWERS: 226. icon, 227. yield, 228. unfortunately, 229. ambitious, 230. aquifer, 231. compass, 232. privilege, 233. monetary, 234. dike

235. with an am_____us eye	<i>adj.</i> having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
236. ad__t fully to the environment	<i>v.</i> to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
237. deputy pro_____ary	<i>n.</i> a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents
238. r__l down his cheeks	<i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
239. a__x predator	<i>n.</i> the highest point or tip of something
240. fr_____er disputes	<i>n.</i> a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
241. dis_____rt in the abdomen	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
242. set a t__p	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
243. show dis_____st	<i>n.</i> lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality
244. w__n a reckless driver	<i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
245. change the ec_____em	<i>n.</i> all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 235. ambitious, 236. adapt, 237. prothonotary, 238. roll, 239. apex, 240. frontier, 241. discomfort, 242. trap, 243. disinterest, 244. warn, 245. ecosystem

246. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
247. morning su____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
248. fre____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
249. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
250. we____d ecosystem *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
251. dr___e up memories *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
252. re____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
253. p__d him with a stick *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
254. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
255. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
256. int_____lly motivated *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

ANSWERS: 246. beacon, 247. sunshine, 248. freshwater, 249. shark, 250. wetland, 251. dredge, 252. resident, 253. prod, 254. urban, 255. nest, 256. intrinsically

257. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
258. la____t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
259. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
260. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
261. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
262. sc____m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
263. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
264. inc_____te the current trends *v.* to include something as a part of a larger entity
265. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
266. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 257. wasteland, 258. latent, 259. planet, 260. troop, 261. sunrise, 262. scream, 263. relative, 264. incorporate, 265. scan, 266. overcome

267. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
268. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
269. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
270. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
271. su_____ne plantation *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
272. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
273. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
274. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
275. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
276. twisty ca____n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
277. wa__t measurement *n.* the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals
278. ba_____al on my drive *v.* to move the pedals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion

ANSWERS: 267. concentration, 268. incredible, 269. precise, 270. grand, 271. sugarcane, 272. narrate, 273. rival, 274. underwater, 275. gap, 276. canyon, 277. waist, 278. backpedal

279. ba____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
280. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
281. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
282. pr____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
283. 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
284. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
285. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
286. Feast of Ep____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
287. aquatic co____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

ANSWERS: 279. backyard, 280. boundary, 281. heritage, 282. promote, 283. encourage, 284. preserve, 285. responsible, 286. epiphany, 287. compound

288. aq____c life *adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water
289. get a su____n *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
290. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
291. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
292. performance in____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
293. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
294. ab____d with screaming children *v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities
295. en____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
296. a be____e to the exit *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
297. retie the st____g and make it strong *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
298. uns____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
299. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

ANSWERS: 288. aquatic, 289. sunburn, 290. snail, 291. evil, 292. indicator, 293. nation, 294. abound, 295. enchant, 296. beeline, 297. string, 298. unstoppable, 299. breed

300. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
301. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
302. wa___e incessantly *v.* (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
303. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
304. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
305. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
306. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
307. 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
308. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
309. do_____ur of criticism *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
310. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
311. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

ANSWERS: 300. chain, 301. fortunate, 302. warble, 303. silent, 304. reintroduce, 305. pride, 306. elect, 307. platform, 308. snail, 309. downpour, 310. landscape, 311. decline

312. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
313. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
314. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
315. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
316. sp_____ht effect *n.* a beam of light used to illuminate a particular area or person
317. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
318. 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
319. terrestrial ga_____od *n.* a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks
320. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

ANSWERS: 312. biodiversity, 313. rival, 314. haunted, 315. opportune, 316. spotlight, 317. industrious, 318. economy, 319. gastropod, 320. dawn

321. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
322. es____y delta *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
323. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
324. re____d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
325. at____h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
326. a penciled sk____h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
327. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
328. ov____ow with emotion *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
329. the ke____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
330. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
331. un____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

ANSWERS: 321. surround, 322. estuary, 323. advocate, 324. regard, 325. attach, 326. sketch, 327. canoe, 328. overflow, 329. keystone, 330. digital, 331. unhealthy

332. ro___t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
333. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
334. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
335. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
336. sp__l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
337. 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
338. g_m collection *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

ANSWERS: 332. rodent, 333. consequence, 334. concrete, 335. canoe, 336. spill, 337. process, 338. gem

339. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
340. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
341. an ob____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
342. investment dr____wn *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
343. so___n ground *adj.* soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience
344. pr____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
345. hidden g_m *n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing
346. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
347. rei____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

ANSWERS: 339. peak, 340. rally, 341. obstacle, 342. drawdown, 343. sodden, 344. preserve, 345. gem, 346. suddenly, 347. reintroduce

348. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
349. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
350. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
351. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
352. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
353. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
354. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
355. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
356. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
357. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
358. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
359. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 348. humankind, 349. excite, 350. develop, 351. perspective, 352. ecology, 353. roll, 354. equivalent, 355. precise, 356. creature, 357. essence, 358. ubiquitous, 359. sketch

360. en_____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
361. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
362. im_____le facts *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible
363. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
364. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
365. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
366. fl____d style *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
367. warm su_____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
368. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
369. wa____e all day long *v.* (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
370. be____n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

ANSWERS: 360. enchant, 361. endangered, 362. immovable, 363. fundamental, 364. decision, 365. develop, 366. florid, 367. sunshine, 368. aesthetic, 369. warble, 370. beacon

371. en____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
372. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
373. ov____ow on the platform *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
374. ep____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
375. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
376. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
377. a national em____m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
378. dr____wn period *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
379. sailing without a co____s *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

ANSWERS: 371. endless, 372. fancy, 373. overflow, 374. epiphany, 375. canyon, 376. uncomfortable, 377. emblem, 378. drawdown, 379. compass

380. re____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
381. tense piano st___gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
382. di____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
383. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
384. d__k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
385. prevent ro___t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
386. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
387. exc_____ly common *adv.* to an extreme degree
388. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
389. politically fr____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
390. ma____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
391. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 380. rebound, 381. string, 382. distant, 383. nest, 384. dusk, 385. rodent, 386. nation, 387. exceedingly, 388. willingness, 389. fragile, 390. mangrove, 391. straight

392. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
393. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
394. ex____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
395. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
396. aq____c vehicles *adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water
397. la____t desire *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
398. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
399. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
400. fish ab____d in this river *v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities
401. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
402. d__k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

ANSWERS: 392. roughly, 393. shark, 394. excavate, 395. consequence, 396. aquatic, 397. latent, 398. pulse, 399. discovery, 400. abound, 401. gulf, 402. dusk

403. marine ra____w *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
404. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
405. cl__k room *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
406. an em____d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
407. em____d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
408. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
409. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
410. al_____or habitat *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
411. endure dis____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
412. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 403. rainbow, 404. creature, 405. cloak, 406. emerald, 407. emerald, 408. conservation, 409. straight, 410. alligator, 411. discomfort, 412. planet

413. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
414. s_d roof *n.* a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt
415. a picture on a k__e *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
416. ca_____l marsh *n.* a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas
417. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
418. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
419. co_____ew bottle opener *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
420. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
421. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way

ANSWERS: 413. importance, 414. sod, 415. kite, 416. cattail, 417. curiosity, 418. fundamental, 419. corkscrew, 420. mosquito, 421. deem

422. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
423. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
424. sw___p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
425. int_____lly valuable *adv.* from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within
426. the p_t of the stomach *n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
427. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
428. w___e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
429. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
430. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
431. re_____d back into positive growth *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

ANSWERS: 422. assume, 423. obsess, 424. swamp, 425. intrinsically, 426. pit, 427. eventually, 428. wade, 429. embrace, 430. obsess, 431. rebound

432. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
433. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
434. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
435. sp__l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
436. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
437. pa_____le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
438. real estate ap_____al *n.* an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
439. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
440. a warm em_____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
441. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

ANSWERS: 432. communicate, 433. invisible, 434. humankind, 435. spill, 436. perspective, 437. palpable, 438. appraisal, 439. brainstorming, 440. embrace, 441. acre

442. sc__y dream	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
443. apex pr____or	<i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
444. a vul____le bridge	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
445. wh___y inadequate	<i>adv.</i> completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
446. the g_p between ideal and reality	<i>n.</i> a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
447. sleep ou____rs	<i>adv.</i> in or into the open air; outside a building or structure
448. di____t a well-ordered condition	<i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
449. in____or lamp	<i>n.</i> something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
450. biomass f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
451. corn yi__d	<i>n.</i> the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
452. a digital pl____rm for enterprise	<i>n.</i> 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

ANSWERS: 442. scary, 443. predator, 444. vulnerable, 445. wholly, 446. gap, 447. outdoors, 448. disrupt, 449. indicator, 450. fuel, 451. yield, 452. platform

453. beautiful su____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
454. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
455. ra____w after a storm *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
456. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
457. work pe____t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
458. wi____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
459. on his own be____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
460. sugar made from su____ne *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
461. tr____c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
462. fr____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
463. a man of imp____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
464. the hydrology of a wa____ed *n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins

ANSWERS: 453. sunrise, 454. relation, 455. rainbow, 456. plume, 457. permit, 458. wildlife, 459. behalf, 460. sugarcane, 461. tragic, 462. fragile, 463. importance, 464. watershed

465. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
466. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
467. pe___t application *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
468. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
469. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
470. cy_____s wood *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
471. oil on ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
472. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
473. great und_____ng *n.* a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging
474. cu___e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
475. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 465. unlock, 466. advocate, 467. permit, 468. ban, 469. modern, 470. cypress, 471. canvas, 472. crazy, 473. undertaking, 474. cuddle, 475. biology

476. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
477. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
478. en____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
479. have a s__w of ideas *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
480. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
481. he____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
482. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
483. int____ies communication *adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species
484. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
485. cadmium-po____ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
486. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something

ANSWERS: 476. dump, 477. blank, 478. endless, 479. slew, 480. tragic, 481. heritage, 482. pride, 483. interspecies, 484. fancy, 485. polluted, 486. dare

487. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
488. we_____d conservation *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
489. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
490. ta_____e stimulation *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
491. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
492. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
493. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
494. a__x position *n.* the highest point or tip of something
495. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
496. cu___e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
497. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 487. affirmation, 488. wetland, 489. ultimate, 490. tactile, 491. trap, 492. fertilizer, 493. troop, 494. apex, 495. mangrove, 496. cuddle, 497. ecosystem

498. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
499. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
500. wh___y healthy food *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
501. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
502. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
503. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
504. im_____le property *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible
505. co_____ew staircase *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
506. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
507. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

ANSWERS: 498. chain, 499. biodiversity, 500. wholly, 501. evil, 502. fertilizer, 503. resilient, 504. immovable, 505. corkscrew, 506. uncomfortable, 507. plume

508. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
509. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
510. there are ins_____ent doctors *adj.* not enough for a particular purpose
511. in____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
512. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
513. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
514. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
515. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
516. un____k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

ANSWERS: 508. flood, 509. grand, 510. insufficient, 511. inspire, 512. rally, 513. predator, 514. swamp, 515. dare, 516. unlock

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
2. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
3. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
4. 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
5. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
6. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.
v. to have the courage to do something
7. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
8. I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful _____ on my back.
n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

ANSWERS: 1. acres, 2. Agriculture, 3. narrative, 4. palpable, 5. drastic, 6. dare, 7. wildlife, 8. sunburn

9. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.
- v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
10. I love to _____ with my dog on the couch after a long day.
- v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
11. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
- n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
12. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.
- n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
13. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.
- v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
14. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
15. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
- adj. having good luck or lucky
16. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
- n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. rebounded, 10. cuddle, 11. compound, 12. sketch, 13. scanned, 14. photograph, 15. fortunate, 16. steward

17. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
18. She walked along the ____ and collected shells.
n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
19. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
20. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
21. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
22. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
23. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.
v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
24. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.
n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly
25. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.
n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

ANSWERS: 17. floods, 18. bay, 19. breeds, 20. resident, 21. misunderstand, 22. vulnerable, 23. spooked, 24. affirmation, 25. canvas;

26. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.

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

27. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

28. He grows vegetables in his _____.

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

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

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

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

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

31. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

32. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

33. Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground _____.

n. an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water

34. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 26. frontier, 27. modern, 28. backyard, 29. rolled, 30. peak, 31. uncomfortable, 32. regarded, 33. aquifers, 34. troop

35. The fairy's spell _____ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
36. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
37. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
38. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.
n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
39. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
40. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
41. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.
n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
42. I gave witness on her _____.
n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

ANSWERS: 35. enchanted, 36. urban, 37. excavated, 38. conservation, 39. conversation, 40. scary, 41. discomfort, 42. behalf

43. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

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

44. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

45. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

46. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

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

47. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

48. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

49. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

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

50. The team's winning streak was _____.

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

ANSWERS: 43. concrete, 44. industrious, 45. chain, 46. predator's, 47. preserve, 48. privilege, 49. icons, 50. unstoppable

51. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
52. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
53. The _____ trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.
n. a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
54. He set up a trap to catch the _____.
n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
55. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.
n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something
56. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
57. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
58. The _____ office handled all official filings for the court.
n. a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents
59. I slipped and fell on the wet ____ after the rainstorm.
n. a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt

ANSWERS: 51. dominates, 52. define, 53. cypress, 54. rodent, 55. willingness, 56. tragic, 57. excited, 58. prothonotary's, 59. sod

60. She _____ saying that she had no intention of offending them.
v. to move the pedals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion
61. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
62. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.
n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
63. The _____ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.
adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
64. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
65. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
66. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
67. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 60. backpedaled, 61. narrate, 62. reptile, 63. emerald, 64. adventures, 65. negative, 66. dawn, 67. landscape

68. 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
69. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
- n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
70. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
- n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
71. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
72. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
- n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
73. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
74. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his _____ over himself.
- n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

ANSWERS: 68. decide, 69. concentration, 70. sunrise, 71. disrupt, 72. wasteland, 73. inspired, 74. cloak

75. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
76. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
77. I had to _____ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
78. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.
n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
79. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.
n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
80. He _____ many Trojan warriors in this war.
v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
81. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.
adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
82. The singer _____ on the street, but no one is listening.
v. (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice

ANSWERS: 75. eventually, 76. planet, 77. wade, 78. indicator, 79. nest, 80. slew, 81. unhealthy, 82. warbles

83. Many people have _____ talents they are not aware of.

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

84. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

85. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

86. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

87. The _____ area was home to many different species of birds.

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

88. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

89. Her _____ imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

90. Lewis and Clark's _____ journey was an important exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

adj. directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

ANSWERS: 83. latent, 84. perspective, 85. imaginary, 86. Canyon, 87. wetland, 88. roughly, 89. fanciful, 90. westward

91. The river _____ its banks during the heavy rain.

v. to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough

92. 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

93. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

94. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

95. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

96. 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

97. I am _____ committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

adv. completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

98. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

ANSWERS: 91. overflowed, 92. relations, 93. fancy, 94. epiphany, 95. haunted, 96. architect, 97. wholly, 98. monetary

99. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
100. Many different types of birds visited the bird _____.
n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
101. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
102. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
103. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
104. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.
n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
105. 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
106. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
107. His friend's death drove him to _____.
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 99. relatives, 100. feeder, 101. snail, 102. folk, 103. curiosity, 104. humankind, 105. environment, 106. rivals, 107. despair

108. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

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

109. The ship was _____ in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

- v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

110. 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

111. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

112. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

- n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

113. The enga_____ ring was a precious gem passed down through generations of her family.

- n.* a precious or semiprecious stone, usually of high quality and often used as jewelry; something that is considered to be a highly prized and valuable possession or attribute of a person or thing

114. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

ANSWERS: 108. dam, 109. submerged, 110. platform, 111. communicate, 112. pride, 113. gemstone, 114. heritage

115. Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with _____.

- n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

116. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

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

117. _____ management strategies aim to reduce pollution and protect water resources.

- n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins

118. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.

- v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again

119. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.

- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

120. 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

121. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

- v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

ANSWERS: 115. kites, 116. distant, 117. Watershed, 118. heal, 119. alarming, 120. encouraged, 121. permit

122. The town council plans to repair the damaged _____ along the riverbank.
- n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
123. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
124. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.
- n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
125. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
126. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
127. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
- n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
128. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

ANSWERS: 122. dike, 123. assumes, 124. brainstorming, 125. biodiversity, 126. hire, 127. swamp, 128. pulse

129. Sugar is _____ in food.

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

130. The _____ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

131. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

132. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

133. We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were _____.

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

134. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

135. There are many cases of _____ cooperation in the animal kingdom.

adj. occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

136. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.

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

ANSWERS: 129. ubiquitous, 130. topography, 131. attach, 132. nation, 133. insufficient, 134. polluted, 135. interspecies, 136. keystone

137. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

138. The _____ plants at the pond's edge provided a habitat for various water birds.

n. a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas

139. The company _____ him after several years of service.

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

140. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

141. 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

142. 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

143. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 137. deemed, 138. cattail, 139. dumped, 140. screaming, 141. process, 142. economy, 143. unfortunately,

144. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
145. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
146. The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to _____ the wetlands for oil drilling.
- v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
147. The _____ was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.
- n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
148. The gymnast executed a breathtaking _____ flip, landing perfectly on the mat.
- n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
149. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
150. The woods _____ the house.
- v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
151. Project planning for software development is never an easy _____.
- n. a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging

ANSWERS: 144. ban, 145. declines, 146. dredge, 147. sunshine, 148. corkscrew, 149. promote, 150. embrace, 151. undertaking

152. The mouth of the river formed an _____ where saltwater and freshwater met.
n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
153. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
154. _____ juice was a popular drink in the hot weather.
n. a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
155. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
156. The organization initiated a _____ of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.
n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
157. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
158. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
159. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 152. estuary, 153. ultimate, 154. Sugarcane, 155. harbor, 156. drawdown, 157. boundary, 158. consequences, 159. valley

160. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

161. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

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

162. She couldn't stop _____ on her nails.

v. to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

163. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

164. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

165. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

166. She cinched her dress at the _____ to accentuate her hourglass figure.

n. the part of the human body between the ribs and hips or the corresponding part in other animals

ANSWERS: 160. creature, 161. warn, 162. gnawing, 163. digital, 164. responsible, 165. blank, 166. waist

167. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

168. He is good at swimming _____.

adv. below or under the surface of the water

169. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.

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

170. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

171. Fear is _____ infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

adv. to an extreme degree

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

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

173. Humans have used the shells of _____ for thousands of years as tools, ornaments, and currency.

n. a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks

174. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

175. She used a stick to _____ the fire and make it burn brighter.

v. to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

ANSWERS: 167. incredible, 168. underwater, 169. rally, 170. equivalent, 171. exceedingly, 172. ancient, 173. gastropods, 174. straight, 175. prod

176. The company's stock gives a high _____.

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

177. The campers' tent became _____ after an unexpected storm.

adj. soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience

178. She loves to hike _____ and explore nature.

adv. in or into the open air; outside a building or structure

179. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

180. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

181. We will attempt to _____ some of your suggestions into our future strategy.

v. to include something as a part of a larger entity

182. The concentrated _____ was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

183. The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at _____.

n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

ANSWERS: 176. yield, 177. sodden, 178. outdoors, 179. obsessed, 180. canoe, 181. incorporate, 182. downpour, 183. dusk

184. The hiking trail was closed due to the _____ conditions caused by heavy rain.

adj. characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

185. The judge's _____ in the case allowed for an impartial decision.

n. lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality

186. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

187. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

188. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

189. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

190. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

191. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

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

ANSWERS: 184. swampy, 185. disinterest, 186. surround, 187. fundamental, 188. develop, 189. visual, 190. spirit, 191. overcome

192. After finishing his last final exam, he made a _____ for the home to relax.
n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
193. She was mesmerized by the _____ colors.
n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
194. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
195. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
196. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
197. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
198. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
199. The results were beyond our _____ of imagination.
n. a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
200. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 192. beeline, 193. rainbow's, 194. discovery, 195. unlock, 196. fuel, 197. resilient, 198. invisible, 199. compass, 200. shift

201. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
202. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
203. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
204. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
205. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
206. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
207. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.
- n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

ANSWERS: 201. ecosystem, 202. gap, 203. crazy, 204. ecology, 205. opportune, 206. debate, 207. ambassador

208. The eagle is an _____ of strength and courage.

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

209. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

210. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

211. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

212. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

213. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

214. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

215. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

216. He borrowed money from a loan _____.

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 208. emblem, 209. beacon, 210. aesthetic, 211. precise, 212. endless, 213. endangered, 214. silent, 215. mosquitos, 216. shark

217. The enemy fell right into the _____.

- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

218. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

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

219. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

220. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.

- n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

221. She received a positive _____ from her boss for her outstanding performance at work.

- n.* an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

222. The _____ sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

- adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

223. Who answers _____ knows little.

- adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

224. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

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

ANSWERS: 217. trap, 218. obstacle, 219. decision, 220. fertilizers, 221. appraisal, 222. tactile, 223. suddenly, 224. essence

225. The kindness of strangers is _____ rewarding, even when no reward is expected.

adv. from the inherent nature or quality of something or arising from within

226. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

227. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

228. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

229. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

230. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

231. The singer was in the _____ as she performed her hit song.

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

232. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 225. intrinsically, 226. ambitious, 227. Advocates, 228. importance, 229. hometown, 230. reintroduce, 231. spotlight, 232. storytelling

233. Rumors _____ as to the reasons for her resignation.

v. to exist in large numbers or quantities

234. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

235. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

236. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

237. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

238. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

239. The ____ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

240. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

241. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 233. abound, 234. freshwater, 235. ancestor, 236. blessed, 237. plume, 238. mangrove, 239. pit, 240. fragile, 241. grand

242. He was determined to _____ everything.

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

243. Push the button and let the water _____ away.

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

244. _____ ecosystems perform many essential environmental functions.

adj. growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water

245. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

246. The company reached the _____ of success in the market.

n. the highest point or tip of something

247. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

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

248. 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

249. The corporation's CEO was an _____ force, determined to keep the company profitable at all costs.

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

250. The _____ language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy

ANSWERS: 242. spill, 243. drain, 244. Aquatic, 245. Gulf, 246. apex, 247. adapt, 248. discuss, 249. immovable, 250. florid

251. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

252. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

253. _____ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

254. Detectives are still attempting to _____ the mystery of his death.

v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

255. He cannot _____ a holiday.

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

256. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

257. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

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

258. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

ANSWERS: 251. evil, 252. disconnect, 253. Alligator, 254. unravel, 255. afford, 256. biology, 257. elected, 258. string

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