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Session 1: Word List

doubt

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

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

statistics

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

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

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

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

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.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym: line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

decry

v. to speak out strongly against something, often publicly

synonym: criticize, condemn, denigrate

(1) **decry** a policy, (2) **decry** the situation

I **decry** the decision to cut funding for the program.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

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**.

entrenched

adj. established firmly and securely

synonym : deep-rooted, confirmed, ingrained

(1) **entrenched** ideas, (2) **entrenched** positions

The monarch exploited the peasants using its **entrenched** power.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

practical

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

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

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

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

contribute

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

synonym : donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

plastered

adj. made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk

synonym: coated, smeared, drunk

(1) **plastered** walls, (2) get absolutely **plastered**

The wall was **plastered** with posters and graffiti.

rotate

v. to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something

synonym: turn, revolve, spin

(1) **rotate** crops, (2) **rotate** about the origin

The Earth **rotates** on its axis once every 24 hours.

awesome

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

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

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

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

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

gig

n. a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work

that someone undertakes on a temporary basis

synonym : show, concert, engagement

(1) **gig** economy, (2) have a **gig** at the stadium

We are planning a speaking **gig** by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

sparkle

v. to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

synonym : shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

infectious

adj. able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water

synonym : contagious, epidemic, transmittable

(1) an **infectious** fever, (2) person's smile is **infectious**

Leprosy is an indolent **infectious** disease.

outgoing

adj. friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

synonym : extroverted, sociable, friendly

(1) **outgoing** attitude, (2) **outgoing** mail

She was an **outgoing** person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

tablet

n. a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine

synonym : notepad, pill, medication

(1) a multivitamin **tablet**, (2) **tablet** keyboard

The new **tablet** device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

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.

creditor

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

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

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for

voluntary liquidation.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

withdrawn

adj. having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet

synonym: aloof, detached, reserved

(1) **withdrawn** product, (2) become socially **withdrawn**

She was **withdrawn** and didn't want to talk to anyone after the breakup.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children

due to premature births.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy
Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym : despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything
After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers
Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event
The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

jerk

v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch

(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope

The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

vegan

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

(1) raw food **vegan**, (2) **vegan** lifestyle

The **vegan** diet is based on plant-based foods.

walnut

n. a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications

synonym: pecan, hazelnut, almond

(1) **walnut** oil, (2) **walnut** tree

I love adding **walnuts** to my oatmeal in the morning for an extra crunch.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

butt v. to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette

synonym : hit, punch, strike

(1) **butt** into several people, (2) cigarette **butt**

The goats often **butt** heads when they are fighting for dominance.

dough n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym : flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

recipe n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym : instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

venue n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

synonym : location, site, arena

(1) **venue** capacity, (2) wedding **venue**

The concert **venue** was packed with excited fans.

poet n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

strap n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting

something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

synonym : band, belt, sling

(1) leather **strap**, (2) camera **strap**

The athlete tightened the **strap** on his running shoes before the race.

upcoming

adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

synonym : forthcoming, approaching, imminent

(1) **upcoming** events, (2) **upcoming** election

I'm excited about the **upcoming** concert with my favorite band.

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.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym : domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

Latina

n. a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage

synonym : Hispanic woman

(1) **Latina** community, (2) **Latina** actress

She is the first **Latina** senator in the country's history.

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**.

manifest

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

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

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

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

racist

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

synonym: discriminatory, prejudiced, bigoted

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

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

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym: training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

unleash

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

synonym: discharge, free, release

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

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

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym: creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**
Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

tenacity

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

synonym: persistence, determination, perseverance

(1) **tenacity** of purpose, (2) show **tenacity**
Her **tenacity** in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

shiny

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

synonym: polished, glossy, lustrous

(1) **shiny** surface, (2) **shiny** object

The **shiny** new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym: ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

latch

n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

synonym : lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

synonym : cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

stove

n. a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

synonym : range, cooker, hotplate

(1) **stove** top, (2) hot **stove**

I made dinner on the **stove** using a pot and a pan.

hostess

n. a woman who receives or entertains guests at home or in a social setting; a female who is in charge of organizing and overseeing a formal event or gathering

synonym : greeter, server, stewardess

(1) **hostess** duties, (2) gracious **hostess**

The welcoming **hostess** showed us to our table and handed us the menu.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym : revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym : resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**
This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

self-reliant

adj. able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

synonym : independent, self-sufficient, autonomous

(1) **self-reliant** person, (2) **self-reliant** community

After moving to a new city, she became more **self-reliant** and learned to navigate the streets independently.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym : biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

spinach

n. a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger

(1) **spinach** salad, (2) frozen **spinach**

Fresh **spinach** is a good source of vitamins and minerals.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym : extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym: bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

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

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

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.

debt

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

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

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

savvy

n. the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

synonym: know-how, expertise, skill

(1) a **savvy** investor, (2) tech- **savvy**

His business **savvy** was evident in the success of his company.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

wage

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

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

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

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

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym : salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

medication

n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

synonym : cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

elderly

adj. (a polite word for) old

synonym : aged, old, senior

(1) a home for the **elderly**, (2) **elderly** woman

The **elderly** woman is quite energetic.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

stoop

v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

synonym : bend, crouch, bow

(1) **stoop** forward in the chair, (2) **stoop** to conquer

I had to **stoop** down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

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.

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

deprecate

v. to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself

synonym : disapprove, criticize, object

(1) **deprecate** a belief, (2) **deprecate** the use of harmful substances

I **deprecate** your dishonest behavior towards your colleagues.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

denominator

n. the number below the line in a fraction

(1) common **denominator**, (2) different **denominators**
The first step is to rationalize the **denominator** of a fraction.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word
His poem has a very significant **implication**.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

prefer

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

synonym: choose, like, favor

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

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

neglectful

adj. characterized by failing to give proper care, attention, or consideration; showing negligence or disregard towards

a person or thing

synonym: careless, inattentive, negligent

(1) **neglectful** management, (2) **neglectful** behavior

The **neglectful** parents failed to provide their children with the necessary care and attention.

demon

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

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

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

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

absentee

n. a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school

synonym: nonappearance, truancy

(1) **absentee** worker, (2) **absentee** rate

The **absentee** ballot allowed the older woman to vote without leaving her house.

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.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

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

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

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan

secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

convinced

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

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

imposing

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

synonym : grand, impressive, majestic

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

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

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym : scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

flame

n. a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger

synonym :

blaze, inferno, fire

(1) **flame** of passion, (2) simmering **flame**

The **flame** of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

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

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

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.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

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.

desire

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

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

fellowship

n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific

profession

synonym: association, society, group

(1) research **fellowship**, (2) postdoctoral **fellowship**

The **fellowship** of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym: request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment
I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

rethink

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

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

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

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

flaw

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

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

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

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

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

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.

faulty

adj. having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation

synonym : defective, flawed, imperfect

(1) **faulty** equipment, (2) make a **faulty** diagnosis

The **faulty** wiring caused a power outage.

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.

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

cog

n. a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system

synonym : gear, wheel, sprocket

(1) **cog** in the system, (2) missing **cog**

The **cog** in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.

afloat

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

synonym : floating, drifting, buoyant

(1) **afloat** in debt, (2) cargo **afloat**

Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay **afloat** thanks to its loyal customers.

backbreaking

adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body

synonym : demanding, strenuous, arduous

(1) **backbreaking** effort, (2) **backbreaking** work

The construction workers endured **backbreaking** labor under the scorching sun.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

jog

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

synonym : run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

butler

n. a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

(1) **butler** service, (2) household **butler**

The personal **butler** announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym: allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

sow

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

synonym: plant, scatter, seed

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

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

revere

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

synonym: worship, venerate, admire

(1) **revere** a hero, (2) **revere** a deity

Many people **revere** their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

jail

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

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

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

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

recite

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

synonym: repeat, replicate, recount

(1) **recite** a charm, (2) **recite** a long list of the article

He could **recite** all of Shakespeare's works.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym : stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym : separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym : unshakable, unyielding, relentless

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

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

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

substantial

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

synonym : significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

ubuntu

n. a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel

synonym: humanity, compassion, empathy

(1) **ubuntu** operating system, (2) **ubuntu** community

The philosophy of **ubuntu** emphasizes the interconnectedness and collective responsibility of all individuals.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

reconciliation

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

synonym: accord, agreement, settlement

(1) national **reconciliation**, (2) **reconciliation** of financial accounts

They had a complete **reconciliation** a few days after their argument.

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.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

inextricable

adj. unable to be separated or escaped from

synonym: inescapable, inseparable, entangled

(1) an **inextricable** part of life, (2) form an **inextricable** bond

The knot was **inextricable**, and she had to use scissors to cut it.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

belong

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

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group
All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

bundle

n. a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things

synonym: package, parcel, bale

(1) **bundle** of papers, (2) travel **bundle**

I tied up the **bundle** of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. em_____r the secretary to do the same | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 2. fi___e competition | <i>adj.</i> severe and violent in a way that is frightening |
| 3. acc_____te a chemical reaction | <i>v.</i> to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly |
| 4. gracious ho_____s | <i>n.</i> a woman who receives or entertains guests at home or in a social setting; a female who is in charge of organizing and overseeing a formal event or gathering |
| 5. a no_____it organization | <i>adj.</i> not established for commercial profit |
| 6. t_p a new market | <i>v.</i> to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc. |
| 7. county j__l | <i>n.</i> a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison |
| 8. crystalline si_____n | <i>n.</i> a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers |
| 9. in___t capital | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |

ANSWERS: 1. empower, 2. fierce, 3. accelerate, 4. hostess, 5. nonprofit, 6. tap, 7. jail, 8. silicon, 9. invest

10. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
11. de____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
12. un____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
13. ind____lly designed product *adv.* separately or apart from others
14. neg____ul management *adj.* characterized by failing to give proper care, attention, or consideration; showing negligence or disregard towards a person or thing
15. a co____n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
16. fr____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
17. c_g in the system *n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
18. tr____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 10. grasp, 11. deserve, 12. unleash, 13. individually, 14. neglectful, 15. column, 16. frustrate, 17. cog, 18. translate

19. show te____ty *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
20. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
21. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
22. he____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
23. a joint ve____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
24. ou____ng attitude *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away
25. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
26. tr____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
27. em____k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
28. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
29. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
30. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 19. tenacity, 20. greet, 21. violent, 22. helpless, 23. venture, 24. outgoing, 25. folk, 26. translate, 27. embark, 28. desire, 29. poverty, 30. sow

31. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
32. li____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
33. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
34. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
35. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
36. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
37. bac_____ing work *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
38. ge_____fy a street *v.* to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
39. biblical pa_____e *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

ANSWERS: 31. dough, 32. liberty, 33. devastate, 34. elevate, 35. manifest, 36. asset, 37. backbreaking, 38. gentrify, 39. parable

40. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
41. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
42. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
43. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
44. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
45. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
46. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
47. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
48. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
49. ou_____ng mail *adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

ANSWERS: 40. struggle, 41. intelligence, 42. awesome, 43. doubt, 44. complexity, 45. frustrate, 46. magic, 47. innovate, 48. convinced, 49. outgoing

50. a letter of inv_____on
n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
51. aw_____e mental faculty
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
52. re____e book
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
53. ge_____fy a community
v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses
54. missing c_g
n. a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
55. ch__t on my taxes
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
56. cargo af____t
adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
57. have a sub_____al meal
adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance
58. ent_____ed positions
adj. established firmly and securely

ANSWERS: 50. invitation, 51. awesome, 52. recipe, 53. gentrify, 54. cog, 55. cheat, 56. afloat, 57. substantial, 58. entrenched

59. st__e top *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
60. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
61. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
62. re___e a hero *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
63. lu___y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
64. sp_____h salad *n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
65. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
66. a sub_____al amount of capital *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
67. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
68. sp_____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

ANSWERS: 59. stove, 60. gap, 61. sweat, 62. revere, 63. luxury, 64. spinach, 65. contribute, 66. substantial, 67. creditor, 68. sparkle

69. ro___e crops *v.* to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something
70. different den_____ors *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
71. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
72. bu___r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
73. business in_____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
74. sh___y surface *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
75. el_____y woman *adj.* (a polite word for) old
76. hot st___e *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
77. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
78. gr___t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
79. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 69. rotate, 70. denominator, 71. overlook, 72. butler, 73. incubator, 74. shiny, 75. elderly, 76. stove, 77. elevate, 78. greet, 79. industrious

80. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
81. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
82. bac_____ing effort *adj.* extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
83. personal li____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
84. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
85. national rec_____ion *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
86. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
87. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
88. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
89. an ac____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 80. plot, 81. academic, 82. backbreaking, 83. liberty, 84. magic, 85. reconciliation, 86. heartbreak, 87. opportune, 88. hopeless, 89. academic

90. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
91. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
92. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
93. the spinal co____n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
94. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
95. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
96. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
97. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
98. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
99. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
100. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 90. implication, 91. grasp, 92. valley, 93. column, 94. opportune, 95. retirement, 96. rethink, 97. chef, 98. context, 99. grade, 100. belong

101. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
102. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
103. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
104. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
105. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
106. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
107. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
108. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
109. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 101. debt, 102. heartbreak, 103. hatch, 104. lever, 105. policy, 106. statistics, 107. negative, 108. hatch, 109. valley

110. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
111. fa____y equipment *adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
112. sel____ant community *adj.* able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance
113. pl____ed walls *adj.* made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
114. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
115. get into the lu____y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
116. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
117. rec____ion of financial accounts *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
118. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
119. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
120. or____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
121. com____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 110. negative, 111. faulty, 112. self-reliant, 113. plastered, 114. balance, 115. luxury, 116. quarter, 117. reconciliation, 118. communal, 119. hopeless, 120. organic, 121. communicate

122. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
123. de_____te a belief *v.* to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself
124. a sa__y investor *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
125. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
126. ub___u community *n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel
127. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
128. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
129. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

ANSWERS: 122. discipline, 123. deprecate, 124. savvy, 125. resilient, 126. ubuntu, 127. inspiration, 128. unheard, 129. sow

130. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
131. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
132. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
133. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
134. med_____on by mouth *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
135. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
136. ap_____id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
137. simmering fl__e *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
138. a hand-loomed fa____c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 130. fantastic, 131. turkey, 132. resilient, 133. belong, 134. medication, 135. jail, 136. apartheid, 137. flame, 138. fabric

139. sh__y object *adj.* reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface
140. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
141. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
142. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
143. ub___u operating system *n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel
144. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
145. af___t in debt *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
146. only a mo___t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
147. common den_____or *n.* the number below the line in a fraction

ANSWERS: 139. shiny, 140. fuel, 141. debt, 142. ingenuity, 143. ubuntu, 144. wage, 145. afloat, 146. modest, 147. denominator

148. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
149. frozen sp_____h *n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
150. unsatisfied de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
151. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
152. ta____t keyboard *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
153. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
154. a fi____e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
155. 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
156. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
157. tu____y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

ANSWERS: 148. practical, 149. spinach, 150. desire, 151. narrative, 152. tablet, 153. reward, 154. fierce, 155. privilege, 156. contribute, 157. turkey

158. ve_____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
159. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
160. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
161. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
162. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
163. a very ta_____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
164. de__n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
165. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
166. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
167. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 158. venture, 159. independence, 160. violent, 161. indigenous, 162. advocate, 163. talented, 164. demon, 165. recognize, 166. fabric, 167. sweat

168. wedding ve__e *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
169. fl__e of passion *n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
170. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
171. 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
172. la__h mechanism *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
173. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
174. wa___t tree *n.* a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications
175. up_____ng election *adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
176. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 168. venue, 169. flame, 170. independence, 171. process, 172. latch, 173. weave, 174. walnut, 175. upcoming, 176. wage

177. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
178. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
179. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
180. ve__n lifestyle *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
181. up____ng events *adj.* approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated
182. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
183. cigarette b__t *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
184. ve__e capacity *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
185. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
186. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
187. La___a actress *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage

ANSWERS: 177. folk, 178. rethink, 179. bound, 180. vegan, 181. upcoming, 182. poet, 183. butt, 184. venue, 185. cheat, 186. app, 187. Latina

188. tech-sa__y *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
189. an un____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
190. research fel____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
191. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
192. b__t into several people *v.* to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette
193. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
194. an ine____ble part of life *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
195. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
196. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
197. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 188. savvy, 189. unheard, 190. fellowship, 191. fin, 192. butt, 193. communal, 194. inextricable, 195. balance, 196. span, 197. reward

198. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
199. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
200. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
201. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
202. a multivitamin ta____t *n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
203. ab_____ee rate *n.* a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school
204. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
205. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
206. st__p to conquer *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
207. j_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

ANSWERS: 198. gaze, 199. deserve, 200. invention, 201. practical, 202. tablet, 203. absentee, 204. nonprofit, 205. fantastic, 206. stoop, 207. jog

208. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
209. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
210. re___e a deity *v.* to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem
211. sp_____e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
212. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
213. become socially wi_____wn *adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet
214. re___e a charm *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
215. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
216. neg_____ul behavior *adj.* characterized by failing to give proper care, attention, or consideration; showing negligence or disregard towards a person or thing
217. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 208. industrious, 209. poet, 210. revere, 211. sparkle, 212. launch, 213. withdrawn, 214. recite, 215. hustle, 216. neglectful, 217. tap

218. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
219. monthly pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
220. ab_____ee worker *n.* a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school
221. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
222. im_____ng figure *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
223. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
224. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
225. make a fa___y diagnosis *adj.* having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
226. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 218. empower, 219. paycheck, 220. absentee, 221. apartheid, 222. imposing, 223. split, 224. indigenous, 225. faulty, 226. app

227. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
228. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
229. ma____n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
230. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
231. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
232. ent____ed ideas *adj.* established firmly and securely
233. infant in____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
234. raw food ve__n *n.* a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons
235. co____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 227. overlook, 228. wealth, 229. margin, 230. jerk, 231. launch, 232. entrenched, 233. incubator, 234. vegan, 235. convinced

236. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
237. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
238. La___a community *n.* a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage
239. far-right ra___t *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
240. re_____d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
241. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
242. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
243. 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
244. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

ANSWERS: 236. overwhelm, 237. recognize, 238. Latina, 239. racist, 240. revered, 241. fin, 242. sibling, 243. privilege, 244. accelerate

245. im____ng mansion *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
246. bu____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
247. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
248. public education ad____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
249. de__y a policy *v.* to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
250. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
251. st__p forward in the chair *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
252. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
253. 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
254. answer questions ind____lly *adv.* separately or apart from others
255. an inf____us fever *adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water
256. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

ANSWERS: 245. imposing, 246. burning, 247. strategy, 248. advocate, 249. decry, 250. bound, 251. stoop, 252. doubt, 253. communicate, 254. individually, 255. infectious, 256. demon

257. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
258. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
259. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
260. ro___e about the origin *v.* to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something
261. al_____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
262. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
263. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
264. de_____te the use of harmful substances *v.* to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself
265. the most re_____d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
266. wi_____wn product *adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet

ANSWERS: 257. paycheck, 258. dough, 259. margin, 260. rotate, 261. alarming, 262. invest, 263. context, 264. deprecate, 265. revered, 266. withdrawn

267. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
268. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
269. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
270. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
271. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
272. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
273. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
274. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
275. eat or_____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
276. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
277. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 267. prefer, 268. quarter, 269. complexity, 270. statistics, 271. silicon, 272. jerk, 273. inspiration, 274. unleash, 275. organic, 276. retirement, 277. stretch

278. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
279. ho____s duties *n.* a woman who receives or entertains guests at home or in a social setting; a female who is in charge of organizing and overseeing a formal event or gathering
280. su____b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
281. inv____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
282. pa____e story *n.* a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson
283. re____e a long list of the article *v.* to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,
284. form an ine____ble bond *adj.* unable to be separated or escaped from
285. the in____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
286. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
287. an int____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
288. ma____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

ANSWERS: 278. amazing, 279. hostess, 280. suburb, 281. invitation, 282. parable, 283. recite, 284. inextricable, 285. invention, 286. prefer, 287. intelligence, 288. manifest

289. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
290. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
291. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
292. antibiotic med_____on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
293. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
294. person's smile is inf_____us *adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water
295. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
296. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
297. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
298. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

ANSWERS: 289. overwhelm, 290. recipe, 291. gap, 292. medication, 293. equation, 294. infectious, 295. gaze, 296. burning, 297. flaw, 298. flaw

299. travel bu___e *n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
300. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
301. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
302. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
303. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
304. abound in in_____ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
305. master c___f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
306. bu___e of papers *n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
307. mo___t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

ANSWERS: 299. bundle, 300. embark, 301. discipline, 302. stretch, 303. equation, 304. ingenuity, 305. chef, 306. bundle, 307. modest

308. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
309. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
310. leather st__p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
311. household bu____r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
312. j_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
313. uns____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
314. set the la__h *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
315. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
316. camera st__p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

ANSWERS: 308. weave, 309. innovate, 310. strap, 311. butler, 312. jog, 313. unstoppable, 314. latch, 315. fuel, 316. strap

317. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
318. sel_____ant person *adj.* able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance
319. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
320. 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
321. hu___e on business *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
322. wa___t oil *n.* a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications
323. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

ANSWERS: 317. policy, 318. self-reliant, 319. grade, 320. process, 321. hustle, 322. walnut, 323. implication

324. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
325. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
326. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
327. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
328. get absolutely pl_____ed *adj.* made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
329. postdoctoral fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
330. have a si_____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
331. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
332. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
333. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 324. struggle, 325. alarming, 326. strategy, 327. plot, 328. plastered, 329. fellowship, 330. sibling, 331. span, 332. creditor, 333. devastate

334. te____ty of purpose *n.* the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling
335. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
336. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
337. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
338. ra____t attitudes *adj.* characterized by or showing discrimination or prejudice against people of other races; (noun) a person with a prejudiced belief that one racial group is superior to others
339. he____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
340. have a g_g at the stadium *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
341. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 334. tenacity, 335. wealth, 336. split, 337. lever, 338. racist, 339. helpless, 340. gig, 341. asset

342. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
343. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
344. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
345. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
346. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
347. g_g economy *n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
348. a home for the el_____y *adj.* (a polite word for) old
349. su____b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
350. de__y the situation *v.* to speak out strongly against something, often publicly
351. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
352. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 342. unstoppable, 343. amazing, 344. talented, 345. concept, 346. poverty, 347. gig, 348. elderly, 349. suburb, 350. decry, 351. narrative, 352. concept

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
2. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
3. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
4. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
5. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
6. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.
n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
7. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 1. belong, 2. industrious, 3. fantastic, 4. Translate, 5. invention, 6. medication, 7. practical

8. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.
n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
9. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
10. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
11. 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
12. The _____ wiring caused a power outage.
adj. having a defect or flaw that affects performance or operation
13. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
14. The pandemic was a _____ business opportunity for certain companies.
adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance
15. The ____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 8. paycheck, 9. desire, 10. tap, 11. process, 12. faulty, 13. invest, 14. substantial, 15. plot

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

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

17. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

18. His business _____ was evident in the success of his company.

n. the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

19. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

20. The _____ new car drew everyone's attention as it drove by.

adj. reflecting light and having a bright and smooth surface

21. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

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

22. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

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

23. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 16. wages, 17. modest, 18. savvy, 19. academic, 20. shiny, 21. flaw, 22. folk, 23. ingenuity

24. The construction workers endured _____ labor under the scorching sun.
adj. extremely physically demanding or strenuous, often to the point of causing fatigue or pain in the back or body
25. He quickly learned the military _____.
n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
26. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
27. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.
n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
28. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
29. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
30. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. backbreaking, 25. discipline, 26. creditor, 27. demon, 28. policy, 29. margin, 30. rethink, 31. alarming

32. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.
n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
33. The wall was _____ with posters and graffiti.
adj. made smooth by applying a sticky or glossy substance; very drunk
34. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
35. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
36. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
37. Fresh _____ is a good source of vitamins and minerals.
n. a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
38. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.
adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
39. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 32. dough, 33. plastered, 34. contribute, 35. sweat, 36. poet, 37. spinach, 38. organic, 39. unheard

40. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

41. You must _____ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

42. He could _____ all of Shakespeare's works.

v. to say a poem, piece of literature, etc. aloud from memory,

43. Leprosy is an indolent _____ disease.

adj. able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water

44. The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to _____ the neighborhood.

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

45. Her _____ in pursuing her dreams has inspired many people.

n. the quality or state of being persistent and determined in the face of difficulties; the quality or property of holding together firmly, tending to adhere or cling

46. She is the first _____ senator in the country's history.

n. a female person of Latin American origin or descent; a term used to refer to women from Latin American countries or with Latin American heritage

47. The first step is to rationalize the _____ of a fraction.

n. the number below the line in a fraction

ANSWERS: 40. indigenous, 41. hustle, 42. recite, 43. infectious, 44. gentrify, 45. tenacity, 46. Latina, 47. denominator

48. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
49. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
50. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
- v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
51. The _____ of the candle flickered in the darkness of the room.
- n.* a bright, visible light and heat source caused by combustion; a strong, intense feeling typically associated with passion, aggression, or anger
52. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.
- v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
53. They had a complete _____ a few days after their argument.
- n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
54. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
55. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

ANSWERS: 48. split, 49. opportune, 50. unleash, 51. flame, 52. sparkled, 53. reconciliation, 54. Communal, 55. Silicon

56. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

- n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

57. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

58. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

59. She was _____ and didn't want to talk to anyone after the breakup.

- adj.* having retired oneself from society, company, or public life; extremely shy and quiet

60. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

61. Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which _____ coastal areas.

- v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

62. I tied up the _____ of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.

- n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things

63. We _____ on a new project.

- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 56. asset, 57. wealth, 58. rewards, 59. withdrawn, 60. lever, 61. devastate, 62. bundle, 63. embarked

64. I feel so _____ without you.

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

65. The Earth _____ on its axis once every 24 hours.

v. to turn around a central point or axis; to move in a circular path around something

66. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

67. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

68. I had to _____ down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

69. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

70. Many people _____ their religious leaders and look up to them for guidance.

v. to feel deep and profound respect or admiration for someone or something; to hold in high esteem

71. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

ANSWERS: 64. helpless, 65. rotates, 66. bounds, 67. overlook, 68. stoop, 69. struggle, 70. revere, 71. parables

72. I'm excited about the _____ concert with my favorite band.

adj. approaching or soon to happen; in the near future; pending or anticipated

73. The athlete tightened the _____ on his running shoes before the race.

n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

74. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

75. 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

76. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

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

n. the condition of being extremely poor

78. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

79. I _____ the decision to cut funding for the program.

v. to speak out strongly against something, often publicly

ANSWERS: 72. upcoming, 73. strap, 74. talented, 75. narrative, 76. grade, 77. poverty, 78. launch, 79. decry

80. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
81. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
82. The team's winning streak was _____.
adj. impossible to stop or prevent
83. The _____ teacher was loved by her students.
v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
84. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
85. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
86. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.
v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
87. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
88. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 80. independence, 81. jail, 82. unstoppable, 83. revered, 84. fins, 85. debt, 86. hatch, 87. balance, 88. frustrate

89. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
- n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
90. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
91. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
92. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
93. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
94. I love adding _____ to my oatmeal in the morning for an extra crunch.
- n.* a nut of a tall deciduous tree, commonly eaten as a snack or used in baking; the wood of this tree, used for furniture and other applications
95. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
- adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
96. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
- v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 89. heartbreak, 90. context, 91. fuel, 92. statistics, 93. valley, 94. walnuts, 95. convinced, 96. cheated

97. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
98. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
99. The concert _____ was packed with excited fans.
- n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
100. I _____ your dishonest behavior towards your colleagues.
- v.* to express disapproval or criticism of something; to belittle or express mild disapproval towards oneself
101. 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
102. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
103. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.
- n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
104. The South African government enforced _____ laws that segregated people based on race.
- n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

ANSWERS: 97. strategy, 98. recipe, 99. venue, 100. deprecate, 101. communicate, 102. recognize, 103. luxury, 104. apartheid

105. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
106. The _____ on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.
n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
107. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
108. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.
n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
109. The knot was _____ and she had to use scissors to cut it.
adj. unable to be separated or escaped from
110. The welcoming _____ showed us to our table and handed us the menu.
n. a woman who receives or entertains guests at home or in a social setting; a female who is in charge of organizing and overseeing a formal event or gathering
111. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
112. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
adj. intense or scorching heat

ANSWERS: 105. concept, 106. latch, 107. stretch, 108. turkey, 109. inextricable, 110. hostess, 111. liberty, 112. burning

113. The _____ of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.
- n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
114. The _____ ballot allowed the older woman to vote without leaving her house.
- n.* a person who is expected or required to be present but who is not present; particularly in the sense of a person who is absent from work or school
115. We are planning a speaking ____ by a well-known author at a community center in a neighboring town.
- n.* a performance by a musician or group of musicians, especially playing modern or pop music or jazz; a work that someone undertakes on a temporary basis
116. The _____ parents failed to provide their children with the necessary care and attention.
- adj.* characterized by failing to give proper care, attention, or consideration; showing negligence or disregard towards a person or thing
117. Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay _____ thanks to its loyal customers.
- adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
118. His poem has a very significant _____.
- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
119. She was an _____ person and loved meeting new people and trying new things.
- adj.* friendly and energetic in talking to others; tending to go out or away

ANSWERS: 113. fellowship, 114. absentee, 115. gig, 116. neglectful, 117. afloat, 118. implication, 119. outgoing

120. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

121. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

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

122. She decided to _____ around the park to clear her head.

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

123. 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.

124. She carefully _____ the seeds in the garden.

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

125. _____ 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

126. The goats often _____ heads when they are fighting for dominance.

v. to strike or push something with the flat end of your hip or buttocks; to hit or knock forcefully; (noun) the remaining end of a smoked cigarette

127. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

ANSWERS: 120. quarter, 121. prefer, 122. jog, 123. gap, 124. sowed, 125. Advocates, 126. butt, 127. suburbs

128. The monarch exploited the peasants using its _____ power.

adj. established firmly and securely

129. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

130. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

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

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

132. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

133. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

134. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

135. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

136. The eggs were placed in an artificial _____ to ensure proper hatching conditions.

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

ANSWERS: 128. entrenched, 129. nonprofit, 130. amazing, 131. violent, 132. grasp, 133. elevates, 134. jerked, 135. negative, 136. incubator

137. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
138. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
- adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
139. The ____ in the machine broke down, causing a delay in production.
- n.* a tooth or projection on a gearwheel or sprocket, which transmits force and motion between moving parts; a person who plays a small or subordinate but essential role in an organization or system
140. The philosophy of _____ emphasizes the interconnectedness and collective responsibility of all individuals.
- n.* a concept rooted in Bantu philosophy, emphasizing the essential human virtues of empathy, compassion, and interconnectedness; a belief in the importance of community, cooperation, and shared humanity; (of a computer) a popular open-source operating system based on the Linux kernel
141. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
142. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
- v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
143. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 137. fabrics, 138. fierce, 139. cog, 140. ubuntu, 141. span, 142. accelerate, 143. siblings

144. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

145. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

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

146. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

147. The _____ diet is based on plant-based foods.

n. a person who does not eat or use any animal products, typically for ethical or environmental reasons

148. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

149. I made dinner on the _____ using a pot and a pan.

n. a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

150. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

151. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

152. After moving to a new city, she became more _____ and learned to navigate the streets independently.

adj. able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

ANSWERS: 144. magic, 145. awesome, 146. weaves, 147. vegan, 148. resilient, 149. stove, 150. complexity, 151. deserved, 152. self-reliant

153. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

154. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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

155. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

156. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

157. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors

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

158. The _____ comments made by the politician caused widespread condemnation.

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

159. The personal _____ announced that dinner was ready, and the guests went to the dining room.

- n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties

ANSWERS: 153. inspiration, 154. empowered, 155. greeted, 156. overwhelm, 157. manifested, 158. racist, 159. butler

160. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.

- n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

161. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

- adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

162. The _____ woman is quite energetic.

- adj.* (a polite word for) old

163. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

164. 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

165. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

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

166. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.

- n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

167. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.

- n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

ANSWERS: 160. equations, 161. hopeless, 162. elderly, 163. innovate, 164. privilege, 165. Doubt, 166. app's, 167. retirement

168. Each department has done its product costing _____.
- adv.* separately or apart from others
169. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.
- n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
170. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
171. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
- n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
172. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
- v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
173. I will be very happy to accept your _____.
- n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
174. The new _____ device has a faster processor and better graphics than its predecessor.
- n.* a small flat electronic device used for browsing the internet, reading, writing, or playing games; a small, solid pill of medicine
175. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 168. individually, 169. chef, 170. intelligence, 171. venture, 172. gazed, 173. invitation, 174. tablet, 175. columns

176. The _____ building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

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

ANSWERS: 176. imposing