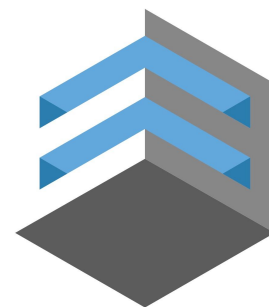


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Session 1: Word List

toothbrush

n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
synonym: brush, scrubber, cleaner

(1) **toothbrush** stand, (2) power **toothbrush**

My **toothbrush** with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.

mascot

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

synonym: symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

wayfinding

n. the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments

synonym: navigation, orientation, wayfaring

(1) effective **wayfinding**, (2) improving **wayfinding** signage

A well-designed **wayfinding** system can greatly enhance the experience of navigating a complex building or campus.

font *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

synonym: typeface, typography, lettering

(1) **font** size, (2) script **font**

I changed the **font** on my resume to make it more visually appealing.

engage *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

decode *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand

synonym: decipher, translate, interpret

(1) **decode** a message, (2) ability to **decode** the differences

The software could **decode** the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.

intent *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

magical *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

anonymous

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

synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

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

She received several **anonymous** calls.

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.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

obsess v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
synonym : torment, beset, engross
(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear
He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

topic n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
synonym : subject, theme, issue
(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book
The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

emotion n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion
(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**
Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

wrap v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
synonym : surround, cover, bandage
(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting
Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

shove v. to push someone or something in a rough way
synonym : push, jab, elbow
(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth
He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

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

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board
He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym: event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo
I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars
The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text
They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation
The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business
Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

accord

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

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

vexillology

n. the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
synonym: flag science, heraldry

(1) **vexillology** museum, (2) **vexillology** flag designs
The **vexillology** course covers flag design, meaning, and usage throughout history.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
synonym: affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**
His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

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.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

scholarly

adj. relating to or characteristic of academic study

synonym : academic, learned, erudite

(1) **scholarly** article, (2) **scholarly** attainment

The **scholarly** journal published articles on various academic subjects.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym : periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

pamphlet

n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject

synonym : brochure, leaflet, booklet

(1) propaganda **pamphlet**, (2) **pamphlet** in English

The political organization handed out **pamphlets** to raise awareness about their cause.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

century

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

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

stripe

n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

synonym : line, band, streak

(1) a white **stripe**, (2) **stripe** texture

The plates have a blue **stripe** around the edge.

symbolism

n. the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

synonym : iconography, allegory, metaphor

(1) the **symbolism** of the event, (2) political **symbolism**

The **symbolism** in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

fort

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

synonym: stronghold, bastion, fortress

(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate

The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading forces.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

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

buy-in

v. to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

synonym: invest, buy, prepare

(1) **buy-in** bulk, (2) **buy-in** the idea

The shareholders were reluctant to **buy-in** the new project,

but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

cross-section

n. a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior

synonym : section, segment, slice

(1) **cross-section** diagram, (2) **cross-section** view

The **cross-section** of the tree trunk showed its growth rings.

municipal

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

synonym : civic, city, urban

(1) **municipal** bond, (2) the **municipal** authorities

The **municipal** government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

whet

v. to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire

synonym : sharpen, stimulate, excite

(1) **whet** the blade, (2) **whet** my curiosity

The smell of freshly brewed coffee will **whet** your appetite in the morning.

paraphernalia

n. equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle

synonym : equipment, gear, accessories

(1) fishing **paraphernalia**, (2) sports **paraphernalia**

She packed all her camping **paraphernalia**, including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking utensils.

barber

n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such

services are offered

synonym : hairdresser, stylist, shaver

(1) favorite **barber**, (2) **barber** pole

The **barber** shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym : emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

backpack

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

synonym : knapsack, rucksack, pack

(1) **backpacker's** hostel, (2) **backpacking** trip

I packed my **backpack** with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

adaptable

adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations

synonym : flexible, adjustable, elastic

(1) **adaptable** enough for the environment, (2) an **adaptable** person

We seek a candidate who possesses **adaptable** fighting potential.

remix

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

synonym : recreate, recompose, alter

(1) **remix** a couple of tracks, (2) **remix** the album

He **remixed** the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

pride

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

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

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

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

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

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.

casket

n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

synonym: coffin, sarcophagus, chest

(1) plain **casket**, (2) wooden **casket**

The funeral director closed the **casket** and secured it with screws.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym: community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym : metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

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.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

phoenix

n. a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality

synonym : firebird, mythical bird, rebirth symbol

(1) **phoenix** rising, (2) **phoenix** feather

A local artist created the **phoenix** sculpture in the park.

ash

n. the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

synonym : cinder, soot, dust

(1) **ash** tree, (2) soda **ash**

The volcanic **ash** covered the island after the eruption.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym : destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

crude

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

synonym : unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

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.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

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.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym: beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym: enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

ribbon

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

synonym : band, strip, sash

(1) silk **ribbon**, (2) pink **ribbon** campaign

She tied the **ribbon** around the gift box to make it look pretty.

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.

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.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

scourge

n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

synonym: plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

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

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

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.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym: characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing

and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym : easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**

He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym : evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym : winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle

The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

breeze

n. a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing

synonym : wind, gust, puff

(1) a **breeze** from an open window, (2) fresh ocean **breeze**

The summer **breeze** was refreshing after the hot day.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated
The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

plop

n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

synonym: drop, flop, plunk

(1) loud **plop**, (2) **plop** of water

The ball fell into the water with a **plop**.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

escutcheon

n. a shield or decorative or protective plate, typically bearing a coat of arms; a flat, usually ornamental piece of metal or wood that surrounds a keyhole, doorknob, or other openings

synonym: shield, plate, badge

(1) brass **escutcheon**, (2) decorative **escutcheon**

The antique **escutcheon** on the door added a touch of elegance to the room.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym: guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet

Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym : collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

adopt

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

synonym : accept, assume, take on

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

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

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym : battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

submission

n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

synonym : obedience, yielding, compliance

(1) **submission** agreement, (2) **submission** of a final report

The **submission** deadline for the project is next week.

alderperson

n. an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council

synonym: city representative, town councilor

(1) **alderperson's** office, (2) the **alderperson's** tireless advocacy

The **alderperson's** progressive agenda focused on sustainable urban development and affordable housing solutions.

cobble

n. a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way

synonym: pebble, boulder, stone

(1) **cobble** driveway, (2) **cobble** up a policy accord

The town is known for its historic **cobble** streets, which were laid by hand in the 19th century.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym: huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever
She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

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.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company
The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room
The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

wheat

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

synonym: grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop
The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym: respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym: illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

misstep

n. a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

synonym: mistake, blunder, fumble

(1) recover from a **misstep**, (2) navigating **missteps**

She took a **misstep** on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

behalf

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

synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

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

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym : spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

regiment

n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine

synonym : unit, brigade, battalion

(1) logistics **regiment**, (2) marching **regiment**

The army **regiment** marched in perfect unison during the parade.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

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.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym : sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym : revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle
The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene
He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes
I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

rectangle

n. a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
synonym: oblong, square, quadrangle

(1) orthogonal **rectangle**, (2) **rectangle** box
The living room had a **rectangle-shaped** coffee table in the center of it.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
synonym: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**
The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence
His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
synonym: streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process
Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

stylize

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

synonym: conventionalize

(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design

She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

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.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

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

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

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

unfettered

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

synonym: unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

guideline

n. a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be

synonym : policy, direction, protocol

(1) an education **guideline**, (2) **guideline** for clinical trial

This book will be a practical **guideline** when coding.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

podcast

n. a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

(1) football **podcast**, (2) listen to a **podcast**

Our **podcast** was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

crusade

n. a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

synonym : holy war, religious war, expedition

(1) a **crusade** against smoking, (2) environmental **crusade**

During the **Crusade** period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

feasibility

n. the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished

synonym : viability, practicality, workability

(1) determine the **feasibility**, (2) **feasibility** assessment

A **feasibility** study is necessary to determine if a project is viable and worthwhile.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

populace

n. the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large

synonym : public, citizens, community

(1) **populace** distribution, (2) urban **populace**

The politician's speech resonated with the poor **populace** who felt neglected by the authorities.

indicator

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

synonym : barometer, signal, index

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

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

transit

n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym : silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation
He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

banner

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

synonym: flag, pennant, advertisement

(1) the star-spangled **banner**, (2) **banner** advertising

They unfurled the **banners** in preparation for the ceremony.

rally

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

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

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

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

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

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.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym: surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

inspiring

adj. stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

synonym: exhilarating, encouraging, heartening

(1) **inspiring** stories, (2) awe- **inspiring** sight

An **inspiring** teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

cedar

n. a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

synonym: juniper, redwood, pine

(1) **cedar** wood, (2) **cedar** bark

Tall **cedar** trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

trademark

n. a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies

synonym: brand, label, hallmark

(1) **trademark** license, (2) assign a **trademark**

The company's logo is a registered **trademark** on a global scale.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym: tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a life of sim_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do |
| 2. on his own be____f | <i>n.</i> represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone |
| 3. re_____gn of lifestyle | <i>v.</i> to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again |
| 4. effective way_____ng | <i>n.</i> the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments |
| 5. the mo__o for safe traffic | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |
| 6. listen to a po_____t | <i>n.</i> a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player |
| 7. re__x the album | <i>v.</i> to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item |
| 8. rational exp_____on | <i>n.</i> a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display |
| 9. a film f_n | <i>n.</i> a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces |

ANSWERS: 1. simplicity, 2. behalf, 3. redesign, 4. wayfinding, 5. motto, 6. podcast, 7. remix, 8. exposition, 9. fan

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| 10. urban po_____ce | <i>n.</i> the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large |
| 11. a bu__h of schoolgirls | <i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together |
| 12. a sh___d for protecting against a bullet | <i>n.</i> a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves |
| 13. a scientific di_____ry | <i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |
| 14. environmental cr_____e | <i>n.</i> a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end |
| 15. in_____ng stories | <i>adj.</i> stimulating and motivating you to want to do something |
| 16. decorative esc_____on | <i>n.</i> a shield or decorative or protective plate, typically bearing a coat of arms; a flat, usually ornamental piece of metal or wood that surrounds a keyhole, doorknob, or other openings |
| 17. pr__e of a company | <i>n.</i> a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements |
| 18. de_____e this prize | <i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable |

ANSWERS: 10. populace, 11. bunch, 12. shield, 13. discovery, 14. crusade, 15. inspiring, 16. escutcheon, 17. pride, 18. deserve

19. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
20. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
21. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
22. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
23. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
24. fea_____ty assessment *n.* the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished
25. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
26. visual im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
27. pink ri___n campaign *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
28. a white st___e *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

ANSWERS: 19. genius, 20. emotion, 21. compelling, 22. engage, 23. chamber, 24. feasibility, 25. frank, 26. imagery, 27. ribbon, 28. stripe

29. in___e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
30. 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
31. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
32. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
33. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
34. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
35. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
36. 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
37. the sy_____sm of the event *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

ANSWERS: 29. invoke, 30. flame, 31. intent, 32. compelling, 33. firsthand, 34. principle, 35. frank, 36. turkey, 37. symbolism

38. pu____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
39. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
40. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
41. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
42. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
43. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
44. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
45. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
46. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
47. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
48. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
49. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 38. publicly, 39. translate, 40. shove, 41. loop, 42. reconstruct, 43. commerce, 44. weird, 45. intent, 46. industrious, 47. obsess, 48. statistics, 49. relative

50. silk ri___n *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
51. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
52. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
53. sports par_____lia *n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle
54. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
55. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
56. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
57. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
58. fresh ocean br___e *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
59. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 50. ribbon, 51. component, 52. horizontal, 53. paraphernalia, 54. solid, 55. propose, 56. represent, 57. commerce, 58. breeze, 59. sink

60. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
61. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
62. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
63. marching re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
64. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
65. st_____e the design *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
66. ph_____x rising *n.* a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality
67. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
68. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 60. essentially, 61. stake, 62. distance, 63. regiment, 64. magical, 65. stylize, 66. phoenix, 67. engage, 68. background

69. gi____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
70. pu____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
71. p__p of water *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
72. unf_____ed capitalism *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
73. gu_____ne for clinical trial *n.* a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be
74. navigating mi_____ps *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
75. soda a_h *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
76. co___e driveway *n.* a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way
77. fishing par_____lia *n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle

ANSWERS: 69. gigantic, 70. publicly, 71. plop, 72. unfettered, 73. guideline, 74. misstep, 75. ash, 76. cobble, 77. paraphernalia

78. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
79. determine the fea_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished
80. mu_____al bond *adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
81. 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
82. dis_____ue party *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
83. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
84. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
85. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
86. sc_____ly attainment *adj.* relating to or characteristic of academic study
87. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 78. devastating, 79. feasibility, 80. municipal, 81. column, 82. discotheque, 83. discotheque, 84. wrap, 85. communal, 86. scholarly, 87. giant

88. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
89. a speech co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
90. di____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
91. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
92. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
93. bu___n the idea *v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
94. dis______ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
95. ph____x feather *n.* a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality
96. em______ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something

ANSWERS: 88. solid, 89. contest, 90. distinct, 91. relate, 92. rev, 93. buy-in, 94. distinctive, 95. phoenix, 96. emphasize

97. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
98. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
99. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
100. re__x a couple of tracks *v.* to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item
101. a sub_____al amount of capital *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
102. ce__r wood *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
103. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
104. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
105. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
106. sc_____e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
107. 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

ANSWERS: 97. shield, 98. equivalent, 99. devastating, 100. remix, 101. substantial, 102. cedar, 103. propose, 104. journal, 105. underneath, 106. scourge, 107. recognize

108. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
109. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
110. a_h tree *n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation
111. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
112. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
113. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
114. a br___e from an open window *n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing
115. comedic pa___y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
116. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
117. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 108. complain, 109. dare, 110. ash, 111. distance, 112. contest, 113. wheat, 114. breeze, 115. parody, 116. anonymous, 117. definition

118. cr__e manners *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state;
(noun) the unprocessed form of oil
119. de____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in
spirits, or without hope; to make
markets, businesses, etc., less active
120. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between
two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb)
allow to have
121. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or
untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something
or to make something dirty or untidy
122. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association
between two or more things; to narrate
or tell about an event, experience, or
relationship; to empathize or feel
sympathy with someone or something
123. corporate ma____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is
believed to bring good luck, often
adopted by a sports team or
organization as a symbol of their
identity or values
124. ep____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in
a series of related events; an abrupt
short period during which someone
suffers from the effects of a physical or
mental illness
125. ba____cking trip *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back,
often used for carrying books,
equipment, or supplies
126. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something
closely and quietly, usually to cause
harm or surveillance; to move slowly
and quietly to avoid detection; (noun)
the main stem of a plant that supports
leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or
main axis of a support structure or
framework

ANSWERS: 118. crude, 119. depress, 120. accord, 121. mess, 122. relate, 123. mascot, 124. episode, 125. backpack, 126. stalk

127. mass tr____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
128. sub_____on agreement *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
129. propaganda pa_____et *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
130. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
131. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
132. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
133. ability to de_____e the differences *v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
134. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
135. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
136. satellite im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
137. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 127. transit, 128. submission, 129. pamphlet, 130. apparently, 131. invisible, 132. complain, 133. decode, 134. fantastic, 135. flap, 136. imagery, 137. loop

138. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
139. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
140. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
141. sub_____on of a final report *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
142. st_____e the behavior *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
143. ce__r bark *n.* a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant
144. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
145. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
146. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
147. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 138. relative, 139. progression, 140. represent, 141. submission, 142. stylize, 143. cedar, 144. pole, 145. deserve, 146. firsthand, 147. translate

148. have a sub_____al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
149. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
150. tr_____rk license *n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
151. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
152. b__w beer *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
153. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
154. b__w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
155. c__e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
156. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
157. pa_____et in English *n.* a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
158. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 148. substantial, 149. crack, 150. trademark, 151. rally, 152. brew, 153. narrator, 154. brew, 155. cede, 156. wreck, 157. pamphlet, 158. adopt

159. a gas ch____r	<i>n.</i> a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
160. fr____us lawsuits	<i>adj.</i> not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
161. an ad____le person	<i>adj.</i> able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
162. a we__d dress	<i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
163. a cr__k in a board	<i>v.</i> to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
164. hide his pr__e	<i>n.</i> a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
165. a rid____us suggestion	<i>adj.</i> very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
166. bu____n bulk	<i>v.</i> to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something
167. v__l music	<i>n.</i> a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
168. pa____y imitation	<i>n.</i> a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
169. improving way____ng signage	<i>n.</i> the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments

ANSWERS: 159. chamber, 160. frivolous, 161. adaptable, 162. weird, 163. crack, 164. pride, 165. ridiculous, 166. buy-in, 167. viol, 168. parody, 169. wayfinding

170. ba__e holder *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
171. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
172. performance in____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
173. com____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
174. att____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
175. the me___y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
176. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
177. in____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
178. te____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
179. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
180. political sy____sm *n.* the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images

ANSWERS: 170. badge, 171. viol, 172. indicator, 173. complexity, 174. attractive, 175. melody, 176. rally, 177. indicator, 178. territory, 179. civic, 180. symbolism

181. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
182. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
183. price of cr__e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
184. end of the first ep____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
185. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
186. a cr_____e against smoking *n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end
187. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
188. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
189. refined sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
190. vex_____gy flag designs *n.* the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use

ANSWERS: 181. dare, 182. accord, 183. crude, 184. episode, 185. democracy, 186. crusade, 187. edit, 188. fantastic, 189. simplicity, 190. vexillology

191. 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
192. the ald_____on's tireless advocacy *n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council
193. f__p out a candle *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
194. 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
195. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
196. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
197. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
198. ba_____cker's hostel *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
199. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
200. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

ANSWERS: 191. flame, 192. alderperson, 193. flap, 194. sweat, 195. civic, 196. horizontal, 197. involve, 198. backpack, 199. journal, 200. wreck

201. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
202. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
203. company mo___o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
204. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
205. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
206. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
207. engage in fr_____us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
208. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
209. cro_____ion diagram *n.* a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior
210. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 201. exposition, 202. obsess, 203. motto, 204. graphic, 205. ridiculous, 206. complexity, 207. frivolous, 208. reconstruct, 209. cross-section, 210. background

211. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
212. too_____sh stand *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
213. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
214. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
215. brass esc_____on *n.* a shield or decorative or protective plate, typically bearing a coat of arms; a flat, usually ornamental piece of metal or wood that surrounds a keyhole, doorknob, or other openings
216. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
217. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
218. ba___r pole *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered
219. team ma___t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
220. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

ANSWERS: 211. invisible, 212. toothbrush, 213. essentially, 214. magical, 215. escutcheon, 216. topic, 217. seal, 218. barber, 219. mascot, 220. anniversary

221. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
222. de___t a feeling of isolation	<i>v.</i> to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
223. e__t a history book	<i>v.</i> to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
224. re_____gn project	<i>v.</i> to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
225. an isolated f__t	<i>n.</i> a military structure designed to be defended from attack
226. script f__t	<i>n.</i> a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
227. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
228. in___e memories	<i>v.</i> to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
229. vex_____gy museum	<i>n.</i> the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use
230. a precise def_____on	<i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
231. execution by burning at a st__e	<i>n.</i> a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 221. industrious, 222. depict, 223. edit, 224. redesign, 225. fort, 226. font, 227. decide, 228. invoke, 229. vexillology, 230. definition, 231. stake

232. an of _____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
233. de ___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
234. paying ho ___e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
235. in ___e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
236. power too _____sh *n.* a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
237. w __p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
238. app _____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
239. the plus p __e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
240. assign a tr _____rk *n.* a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
241. bring a sc _____e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

ANSWERS: 232. offensive, 233. depict, 234. homage, 235. involve, 236. toothbrush, 237. wrap, 238. apparently, 239. pole, 240. trademark, 241. scourge

242. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
243. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
244. re_____le box *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length
245. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
246. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
247. wooden ca____t *n.* a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
248. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
249. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
250. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
251. f__t gate *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack

ANSWERS: 242. association, 243. democracy, 244. rectangle, 245. offensive, 246. anniversary, 247. casket, 248. shove, 249. cede, 250. narrator, 251. fort

252. cro_____ion view *n.* a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior
253. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
254. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
255. f__t size *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
256. 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
257. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
258. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
259. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
260. favorite ba___r *n.* a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

ANSWERS: 252. cross-section, 253. firefighter, 254. bunch, 255. font, 256. column, 257. firefighter, 258. association, 259. principle, 260. barber

261. di____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
262. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
263. unf_____ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
264. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
265. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
266. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
267. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
268. gi_____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
269. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 261. distinct, 262. graph, 263. unfettered, 264. brand, 265. equivalent, 266. decide, 267. fan, 268. gigantic, 269. stick

270. sports g__r
n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
271. plain ca___t
n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation
272. de___e a message
v. to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
273. a serious to__c
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
274. gr____c design
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
275. have an aw____e birthday
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
276. s__k a buzzer-beater
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
277. m_r the reputation
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
278. acquire te____ry
n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
279. 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

ANSWERS: 270. gear, 271. casket, 272. decode, 273. topic, 274. graphic, 275. awesome, 276. sink, 277. mar, 278. territory, 279. turkey

280. a simple me___y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
281. w__t my curiosity *v.* to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
282. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
283. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
284. ald_____on's office *n.* an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council
285. football po_____t *n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player
286. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
287. logistics re_____nt *n.* a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
288. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
289. orthogonal re_____le *n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

ANSWERS: 280. melody, 281. whet, 282. emphasize, 283. attractive, 284. alderperson, 285. podcast, 286. simplify, 287. regiment, 288. progression, 289. rectangle

290. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
291. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
292. ad_____le enough for the environment *adj.* able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
293. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
294. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
295. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
296. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
297. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
298. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
299. st___e texture *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
300. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 290. seal, 291. mess, 292. adaptable, 293. graph, 294. giant, 295. symbol, 296. behalf, 297. awesome, 298. simplify, 299. stripe, 300. genius

301. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
302. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
303. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
304. a tr_____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
305. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
306. loud p__p *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
307. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
308. recover from a mi_____p *n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement
309. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
310. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
311. ba___r advertising *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

ANSWERS: 301. adopt, 302. statistics, 303. underneath, 304. transit, 305. depress, 306. plop, 307. distinctive, 308. misstep, 309. mar, 310. anonymous, 311. banner

312. 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
313. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
314. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
315. w__t the blade *v.* to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
316. po_____ce distribution *n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large
317. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
318. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
319. an education gu_____ne *n.* a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be

ANSWERS: 312. sweat, 313. stick, 314. emotion, 315. whet, 316. populace, 317. brand, 318. discovery, 319. guideline

- 320. st__k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
- 321. 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
- 322. the mu____al authorities *adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
- 323. awe-in____ng sight *adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something
- 324. key co____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
- 325. sc____ly article *adj.* relating to or characteristic of academic study
- 326. the star-spangled ba____r *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
- 327. sy____l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 320. stalk, 321. recognize, 322. municipal, 323. inspiring, 324. component, 325. scholarly, 326. banner, 327. symbol

328. harvesting wh__t *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
329. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
330. vassal ho___e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
331. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
332. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
333. security ba___e *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
334. co___e up a policy accord *n.* a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way

ANSWERS: 328. wheat, 329. communal, 330. homage, 331. gear, 332. rev, 333. badge, 334. cobble

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.
n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
2. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
3. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
4. The company's logo is a registered _____ on a global scale.
n. a name or symbol on a product that indicates it was made by a particular company and cannot be used without permission by other companies
5. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
6. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
7. The _____ journal published articles on various academic subjects.
adj. relating to or characteristic of academic study
8. The _____ of water is called ice.
adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

ANSWERS: 1. melody, 2. gigantic, 3. emotions, 4. trademark, 5. rev, 6. weird, 7. scholarly, 8. solid-state

9. Tall _____ trees surrounded the cabin in the woods.

n. a type of fragrant, evergreen tree that is known for its reddish-brown wood and its use in furniture, building materials, and as an ornamental plant

10. His _____ jokes made her angry.

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

11. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

12. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

13. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

14. The _____ of the tree trunk showed its growth rings.

n. a two-dimensional representation of a slice or portion of a three-dimensional object or structure, showing the internal arrangement and relationship of its parts; a sample or subset of a larger population or entity that allows insight into its characteristics or behavior

15. I packed my _____ with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

ANSWERS: 9. cedar, 10. crude, 11. cede, 12. wreck, 13. stake, 14. cross-section, 15. backpack

16. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
17. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
18. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
19. She wore a colorful-_____ scarf.
v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
20. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
21. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.
n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
22. I am going to _____ some coffee this morning.
v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
23. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 16. distance, 17. invisible, 18. territory, 19. stylized, 20. gear, 21. anniversary, 22. brew, 23. giant

24. The software could _____ the encrypted data and reveal the hidden information.
- v.* to convert something, such as a message or piece of information, from a specific form into one that you can understand
25. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
26. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.
- adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
27. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
28. The _____ deadline for the project is next week.
- n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
29. The penny fell _____ the piano.
- adv.* under or below something else
30. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
 - (verb) allow to have
31. The plates have a blue _____ around the edge.
- n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

ANSWERS: 24. decode, 25. Essentially, 26. offensive, 27. graph, 28. submission, 29. underneath, 30. accord, 31. stripe

32. The shareholders were reluctant to _____ the new project, but the presentation convinced them otherwise.

- v.* to buy something in large quantities for future use; to accept or adopt something

33. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.

- n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

34. The athlete felt _____ by her recent injury and performed with ease.

- adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

35. The movie was a _____ of classic horror films.

- n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

36. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine

- n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

37. A local artist created the _____ sculpture in the park.

- n.* a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality

38. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

- v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

39. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.

- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

ANSWERS: 32. buy-in, 33. association, 34. unfettered, 35. parody, 36. journals, 37. phoenix, 38. relate, 39. marred

40. I'm a big ____ of French food.

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

41. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

42. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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

43. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

44. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

45. 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

46. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

47. 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

48. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 40. fan, 41. symbol, 42. propose, 43. Wrap, 44. compelling, 45. flame, 46. principle, 47. complexity, 48. frank

49. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

50. The funeral director closed the _____ and secured it with screws.

n. a rectangular container, often made of wood or metal, in which a dead body is placed for burial or cremation

51. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

52. The city's _____ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

53. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

54. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

v. to give or show particular importance to something

55. The town is known for its historic _____ streets, which were laid by hand in the 19th century.

n. a rounded, irregularly shaped stone used for paving streets or for building walls; (verb) to make or repair something in a rough and hurried way

ANSWERS: 49. intent, 50. casket, 51. graphic, 52. mascot, 53. magical, 54. emphasize, 55. cobble

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

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

57. This book will be a practical _____ when coding.

n. a general rule or principle that provides guidance to appropriate behavior; a piece of advice or instructions that tell you how something should be done or what something should be

58. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

59. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

60. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

61. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

62. Please _____ your explanation for the children.

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

63. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

ANSWERS: 56. awesome, 57. guideline, 58. horizontal, 59. motto, 60. distinct, 61. Pole, 62. simplify, 63. Communal

64. The economic recession _____ the housing market.

- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

65. I gave witness on her _____.

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

66. She tied the _____ around the gift box to make it look pretty.

- n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

67. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

68. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

- v.* to have the courage to do something

69. The summer _____ was refreshing after the hot day.

- n.* a gentle wind that is not very strong or forceful, typically cool and refreshing

70. The living room had a _____ coffee table in the center of it.

- n.* a four-sided geometric shape with four right angles, where opposite sides are parallel and of equal length

71. An _____ teacher might spark students' motivation to succeed.

- adj.* stimulating and motivating you to want to do something

72. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

- n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

ANSWERS: 64. depressed, 65. behalf, 66. ribbon, 67. commerce, 68. dare, 69. breeze, 70. rectangle-shaped, 71. inspiring, 72. shield

73. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
74. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.
n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
75. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
76. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage
77. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
78. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
79. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
80. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 73. firefighter, 74. indicator, 75. obsessed, 76. devastating, 77. topic, 78. relatives, 79. adopted, 80. exposition

81. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

82. During the _____ period, many European Christians went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

- n.* a series of wars fought by Christians in the middle ages to recover the holy land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

83. Our _____ was the most downloaded in the technology news genre this year.

- n.* a radio program made available in digital format that you can download from the Internet and play on a computer or music player

84. A well-designed _____ system can greatly enhance the experience of navigating a complex building or campus.

- n.* the process of determining and following a route or path to navigate and reach a particular destination, especially in unfamiliar or complex environments

85. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

86. The _____ government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

- adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

87. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.

- n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

ANSWERS: 81. brand, 82. Crusade, 83. podcast, 84. wayfinding, 85. component, 86. municipal, 87. simplicity

88. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

89. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

90. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

91. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

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

92. The _____ progressive agenda focused on sustainable urban development and affordable housing solutions.

n. an elected member of a municipal legislative body, typically known as the city council or town council

93. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

adj. extremely good; excellent

94. 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

95. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 88. genius, 89. bunch, 90. invoked, 91. pride, 92. alderperson's, 93. fantastic, 94. columns, 95. viol

96. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

97. The plague was a _____ that killed millions of people.

n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

98. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

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

99. He _____ the tracks to give them a jazz feel.

v. to compose a piece of media that has been altered or contorted from its original state by adding, removing, or changing elements of the item

100. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

101. He couldn't wait to hit the _____ and dance the night away.

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

102. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

103. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

104. The farmer grew _____ on his land.

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

ANSWERS: 96. Translate, 97. scourge, 98. equivalent, 99. remixed, 100. mess, 101. discotheque, 102. firsthand, 103. badge, 104. wheat

105. She received several _____ calls.

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

106. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

107. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

108. The stone _____ was built to protect the city from invading forces.

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

109. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

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

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

111. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

112. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 105. anonymous, 106. frivolous, 107. shoved, 108. fort, 109. episode, 110. stick, 111. background, 112. engaged

113. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

114. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.

- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

115. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.

- n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

116. She packed all her camping _____ including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking utensils.

- n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle

117. They unfurled the _____ in preparation for the ceremony.

- n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

118. The volcanic _____ covered the island after the eruption.

- n.* the powdery residue left after the burning of a substance, typically containing minerals and other impurities; the solid remains of a dead person after cremation

119. She took a _____ on the stairs and tumbled down to the bottom.

- n.* a mistake or error in judgment or action, often resulting in an awkward or embarrassing situation; a misjudged or poorly executed step or movement

ANSWERS: 113. chambers, 114. edit, 115. imagery, 116. paraphernalia, 117. banners, 118. ash, 119. misstep

120. My _____ with end-rounded bristles is excellent for gently cleaning my teeth and gums.
n. a small brush with a handle used for cleaning the teeth
121. 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
122. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development
adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
123. A _____ study is necessary to determine if a project is viable and worthwhile.
n. the state or quality of being feasible; the likelihood or possibility of something being successful or able to be accomplished
124. The political organization handed out _____ to raise awareness about their cause.
n. a small booklet that contains information or arguments about a particular subject
125. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
126. The antique _____ on the door added a touch of elegance to the room.
n. a shield or decorative or protective plate, typically bearing a coat of arms; a flat, usually ornamental piece of metal or wood that surrounds a keyhole, doorknob, or other openings

ANSWERS: 120. toothbrush, 121. turkey, 122. civic, 123. feasibility, 124. pamphlets, 125. involves, 126. escutcheon

127. The company is planning to _____ its website.

- v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

128. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

129. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

- n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

130. 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

131. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

132. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

133. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

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

134. I changed the _____ on my resume to make it more visually appealing.

- n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

ANSWERS: 127. redesign, 128. decide, 129. narrator, 130. sweat, 131. ridiculous, 132. Democracy, 133. crack, 134. font

135. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
136. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.
n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
137. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
138. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
139. The pandemic was a _____ business opportunity for certain companies.
adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance
140. The ball fell into the water with a _____.
n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
141. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.
v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
142. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot
v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 135. reconstruct, 136. loop, 137. progression, 138. apparently, 139. substantial, 140. plop, 141. rally, 142. stalked

143. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.
adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
144. The army _____ marched in perfect unison during the parade.
n. a large military unit, usually consisting of several battalions and commanded by a colonel or higher-ranking officer; a strict or organized system or routine
145. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.
v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
146. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
147. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
148. The smell of freshly brewed coffee will _____ your appetite in the morning.
v. to sharpen or hone the edge of a blade or tool; to stimulate or increase someone's interest, appetite, or desire
149. The _____ in the painting was rich and complex, with many layers of meaning.
n. the use of symbols to represent ideas or qualities, especially in art and literature; an artistic movement in the late 19th century that tried to express abstract or mystical ideas through the symbolic use of images
150. The _____ shop was closed on Monday, much to the disappointment of many customers.
n. a person who cuts men's hair and shaves beards as a profession; a shop or establishment where such services are offered

ANSWERS: 143. distinctive, 144. regiment, 145. depicted, 146. complaining, 147. contest, 148. whet, 149. symbolism, 150. barber

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. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
153. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
154. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
155. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
156. We seek a candidate who possesses _____ fighting potential.
adj. able or willing to modify or be modified to deal with new situations
157. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
158. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 151. deserved, 152. attractive, 153. homage, 154. definition, 155. industrious, 156. adaptable, 157. statistics, 158. sink

159. 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

160. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

- adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

161. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

- v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

162. The _____ course covers flag design, meaning, and usage throughout history.

- n.* the study or hobby of flags and related emblems, including their history, design, symbolism, and use

163. The _____ of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

- n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

164. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

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

165. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.

- n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

166. Her research team made an important _____.

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

ANSWERS: 159. recognize, 160. publicly, 161. sealed, 162. vexillology, 163. flap, 164. represent, 165. transit, 166. discovery

167. The politician's speech resonated with the poor _____ who felt neglected by the authorities.

- n.* the general public; the common people of a community or society; the population at large

ANSWERS: 167. populace