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Session 1: Word List

funeral

n. a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died

synonym : burial, memorial, ceremony

(1) **funeral** arrangements, (2) **funeral** service

The somber **funeral** procession went through the streets, with mourners walking behind the hearse.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym : grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

creak

v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

synonym : squeak, screech, screech

(1) begin to **creak**, (2) shoes **creak**

The door **creaked** when I opened it slowly.

toll

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

synonym : fee, cost, expense

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

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

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

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.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym : lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym : board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

depression

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

synonym : recession, slump, despair

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

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

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym: communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

icon

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

synonym: figure, hero, idol

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

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

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

concentration

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

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

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

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

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

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.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym: flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

seep

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

synonym: leak, ooze, trickle

(1) **seep** cool and moist air, (2) **seep** into paper

The rain began to **seep** through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

- flash** *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer
(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**
These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.
- thrill** *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
synonym : exhilaration, delight, rush
(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**
Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.
- 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.
- chew** *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
synonym : masticate, crush, grind
(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum
My dog loves to **chew** on bones.
- swallow** *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
synonym : consume, gulp, inhale
(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail
I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.
- discuss** *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
synonym :

talk about, converse, debate

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

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

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.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym: nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym: grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

nullify

v. to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void

synonym: invalidate, cancel, annul

(1) **nullify** a vote, (2) **nullify** a law

The court can **nullify** a contract if it is found to be illegal.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym:

concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym: despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**
After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym: sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle

The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

slit

n. a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

synonym: slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

wrist

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

synonym: carpus

(1) **wrist** bones, (2) glance at my **wrist** watch

He sprained his **wrist** while playing basketball.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym: blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

- dial**
- v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
- synonym* : adjust, set, turn
- (1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension
He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.
- medication**
- n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
- synonym* : cure, drug, medicine
- (1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth
The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.
- therapy**
- n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
- synonym* : antidote, medicine, treatment
- (1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**
I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.
- reckon**
- v. to think or believe something
- synonym* : regard, imagine, suppose
- (1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival
He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.
- advantage**
- n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
- synonym* : benefit, edge, asset
- (1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points
One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- emerge**
- v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

relapse

n. the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement

synonym : degeneration, deterioration, retrogression

(1) biochemical **relapse**, (2) **relapse** prevention

He had a **relapse** because he was working through the night.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

braid

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

synonym : plait, twist, weave

(1) **braid** hair, (2) elastic cord **braid**

She always wore her hair in a single **braid** down her back.

separate

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

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

appalling

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

synonym : shocking, horrifying, alarming

(1) **appalling** crimes, (2) **appalling** behavior

The condition of that old house was **appalling**.

innumerable

adj. too many to be counted

synonym : many, infinite, countless

(1) **innumerable** stars, (2) give **innumerable** interviews

We have overcome **innumerable** difficulties since our founding.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

appall

v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay

synonym : shock, disgust, dismay

(1) **appall** the tourists, (2) **appall** me

The news of the massacre **appalled** the entire nation.

primitive

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

synonym : elementary, naive, rudimentary

(1) **primitive** society, (2) artifact of a **primitive** humankind

The industry in this country is still **primitive**.

flaw

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

synonym : defect, fault, imperfection

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

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

anticipation

n. the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now

synonym : expectation, prediction, prospect

(1) **anticipation** of her arrival, (2) hazard **anticipation**

She waited in eager **anticipation** for his arrival.

specter

n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

synonym : ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

despair

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

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

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

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

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym: motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

intimacy

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

synonym: closeness, familiarity, nearness

(1) on terms of **intimacy**, (2) build **intimacy**

They were looking for **intimacy** in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym : fatal, disastrous, destructive

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

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

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym : activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

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**.

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym : absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym : handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym : awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

interstice

n. a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods

synonym : gap, crevice, interval

(1) cracked **interstice**, (2) fill in the **interstice**

There was a small **interstice** between the two buildings, just enough space to squeeze through.

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.

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population
She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**
Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

beloved

adj. loved very much
synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people
I am here to save my **beloved**.

psychotic

adj. relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

synonym : deranged, unstable, certifiable

(1) **psychotic** medication, (2) **psychotic** episode
Her husband's death caused her to experience a **psychotic** break.

freshman

n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school
synonym : freshie, newcomer, rookie

(1) **freshman** orientation, (2) **freshman** year
The **freshman** class was excited to start their first year of college.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition
The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris

scattered everywhere.

bipolar

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

(1) **bipolar** depression, (2) a **bipolar** semiconductor

The physician prescribed medication to treat **bipolar** disorder.

mania

n. a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

synonym: obsession, craze, frenzy

(1) start-up **mania**, (2) dance **mania**

The **mania** for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

lithium

n. a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

synonym: lithy, Li, salt

(1) **lithium** carbonate, (2) **lithium** mining

Lithium-ion batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

psychosis

n. a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition

synonym: madness, delusion, insanity

(1) **psychosis** treatment, (2) drug-induced **psychosis**

He was diagnosed with **psychosis** and was hospitalized for treatment.

cataleptic

adj. characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation

synonym: trancelike, immobile, rigid

(1) **cataleptic** seizure, (2) **cataleptic** rigidity

The patient's **cataleptic** state made diagnosing her condition difficult for the doctors.

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.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymers, writer

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

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

psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist

(1) field of **psychotherapy**, (2) **psychotherapy** for depression

He took **psychotherapy** to help him deal with his accident trauma.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

- blot** v. to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
synonym: stain, smudge, mar
(1) **blot** my eyes, (2) **blot** anything out of existence
She tried to **blot** out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.
- 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.
- veil** n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
synonym: cover, mask, (verb) conceal
(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face
He lifted her **veil** with both hands.
- haze** n. atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
synonym: fog, mist, brume
(1) a **haze** of illusion, (2) **haze** of tears
We couldn't see him through the **haze** of smoke.
- mood** n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
synonym: mindset, disposition, temper
(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**
His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.
- schizophrenia** n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

exorcise

v. to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control

synonym: purge, expel, banish

(1) **exorcise** demons, (2) **exorcise** negative energy

The priest performed a ritual to **exorcise** the evil spirits from the haunted house.

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.

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**.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym: hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym: understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

trap

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

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

distract

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

synonym: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

closet

n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

synonym: cabinet, cupboard, locker

(1) **closet** full of suits, (2) walk-in **closets**

He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the **closet**.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

communicate

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

synonym: convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

burdensome

adj. causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage

synonym: heavy, onerous, cumbersome

(1) **burdensome** task, (2) **burdensome** load

The heavy backpack was **burdensome** on the long hike through the mountains.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym : shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

exhaust

n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired

synonym : emission, fumes, (verb) deplete

(1) **exhaust** pipe, (2) **exhaust** a topic

The factory's **exhaust** fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

convulse

v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

synonym : spasm, tremble, seize

(1) **convulse** with laughter, (2) **convulse** with anger
He **convulsed** in pain as the injury was severe.

nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

synonym : ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

tolerant

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

synonym : forgiving, lenient, permissive

(1) a **tolerant** teacher, (2) **tolerant** of his failure

She was known for her **tolerant** attitude toward different cultures.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym: behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

meditation

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

synonym: contemplation, reflection, introspection

(1) **meditation** training, (2) religious **meditation**

The **meditation** instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

yarn

n. a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale

synonym: thread, fiber, threadbare

(1) spinning **yarn**, (2) **yarn** about my past

Grandma used to knit a cozy blanket from soft **yarns** to keep us warm in winter.

obsessive

adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

synonym: compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

compulsive

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

synonym : compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable

(1) **compulsive** gambling, (2) **compulsive** behavior

He had a **compulsive** need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

disorder

n. an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

synonym : chaos, disturbance, disease

(1) the files are in complete **disorder**, (2) people with bipolar **disorder**

The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental **disorder**.

perspective

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

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

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

tribal

adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

synonym : indigenous, ethnic, traditional

(1) **tribal** culture, (2) **tribal** community

The **tribal** leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

exorcism

n. the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

synonym : purification, cleansing, dispossession

(1) **exorcism** ceremony, (2) demonic **exorcism**

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house

of its evil spirits.

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.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym: crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

sunshine

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

synonym : sunlight, daylight, rays

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

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

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.

externalize

v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

synonym : express, manifest, materialize

(1) **externalize** responsibilities, (2) **externalize** costs

It's important to **externalize** your feelings and not keep them bottled up.

invasive

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

synonym : aggressive, rampant, spreading

(1) **invasive** breast cancer, (2) **invasive** species

The **invasive** disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body;

the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

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

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

dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

synonym : gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) **dingy** apartment, (2) **dingy** lighting

The **dingy** room needed a fresh coat of paint.

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.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym : continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

electroshock

n. a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)

synonym : electroconvulsive therapy, shock treatment, ETC

(1) low voltage **electroshock**, (2) **electroshock** machine

The patient had to undergo **electroshock** therapy to treat their severe depression.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym : confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea

might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

downhill

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

synonym : downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

unbearable

adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable

synonym : intolerable, insufferable, unendurable

(1) **unbearable** heat, (2) **unbearable** pain

The loss of his wife was an **unbearable** sorrow that he found hard to overcome.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym : procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym : action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**
The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

cingulate

n. a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

(1) a posterior **cingulate**, (2) ventral **cingulate** cortex
Researchers found marked differences in the anterior **cingulate** of the brain between species.

surgery

n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures

synonym : operation, (medical) procedure

(1) cardiac **surgery**, (2) the professor of **surgery**
He had undergone heart **surgery** years before.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym : astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone
The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion
There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

rack

n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

synonym: shelf, stand, frame

(1) clothing **rack**, (2) spice **rack**

I need to buy a new coat **rack** to organize my winter jackets.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is

due to child support problems.

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.

disease

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

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

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

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

overwhelm

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

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

indigent

adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute

synonym: deprived, impoverished, needy

(1) **indigent** population, (2) **indigent** elderly

The charity organization provides aid and support to **indigent** communities.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

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

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

presumably

adv. believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

synonym: likely, seemingly, supposedly

(1) **presumably** accurate, (2) **presumably** refuse the offer

The witness's testimony was **presumably** based on what he had seen and heard.

evenly

adv. in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way

synonym: constantly, smoothly, equally

(1) **evenly** colored, (2) almost **evenly** divided

This product can spread the cement **evenly**.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

impoverished

adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

synonym: destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

commensurate

adj. corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something

synonym: proportional, equivalent, corresponding

(1) **commensurate** salary, (2) **commensurate** with the level of importance

A person's salary should be **commensurate** with their qualifications and experience.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

grand

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

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

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

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

academic

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

synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

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

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

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym: empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

childcare

n. a service involving care for other people's children

synonym: babysitting

(1) **childcare** allowance, (2) allow **childcare** leave

Our company offers a full range of **childcare** facilities as part of our benefits package.

naval

adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

synonym: marine, seafaring, maritime

(1) **naval** battles, (2) **naval** base

The **naval** officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

abusive

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

synonym: cruel, oppressive, hurtful

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

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

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

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.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

far-fetched

adj. (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe

synonym: bizarre, doubtful, unbelievable

(1) **far-fetched** idea, (2) **far-fetched** expressions

Though his plan sounded **far-fetched** at first, he realized it anyway.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

implausible

adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

synonym: incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym: clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**

Faces are a good **indication** of age.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

distaste

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

synonym : antipathy, aversion, disgust

(1) having a strong **distaste**, (2) popular **distaste** for corruption

She grimaced in **distaste** when someone said the insulting words.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym : use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

imperative

adj. very important or requiring attention or action

synonym : compulsory, binding, critical

(1) moral **imperative**, (2) **imperative** need

It is **imperative** for politicians to be effective communicators.

misguided

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

synonym : mistaken, wrong, erring

(1) **misguided** policies, (2) a **misguided** sense of duty

His **misguided** attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

militate

v. to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something

synonym : counter, oppose, contradict

(1) **militate** against the success, (2) **militate** for change
The overwhelming evidence **militates** against the defendant's claim of innocence.

toothpaste

n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

synonym: paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube
I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

adaptive

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

synonym: flexible, adjustable, pliant

(1) the **adaptive** coloring, (2) **adaptive** technology
The **adaptive** learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

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.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

synonym : ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

continuity

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

synonym : coherence, uninterruptedness, perseverance

(1) **continuity** plan, (2) **continuity** of service

The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's **continuity**.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym :

barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

rust

n. a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation

synonym : corrosion, oxidation, decay

(1) **rust-proofing**, (2) **rusty** metal

The old car was covered in **rust** and needed extensive repair work.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym : grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

repaint

v. to apply a new or fresh coat of paint

(1) **repaint** the wall, (2) **repaint** a house

She tried to **repaint** an incorrectly painted object.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym : accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

disappointment

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

synonym: letdown, frustration, discouragement

(1) **disappointment** in the result, (2) **disappointment** with the service

The cancellation of the concert was a huge **disappointment** for the fans.

dam

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

synonym: barricade, barrier, embankment

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

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

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym : reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

tolerate

v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed

synonym : endure, put up with, bear

(1) **tolerate** his disrespectful behavior, (2) **tolerate** ambiguity

I can't **tolerate** spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

do-over

n. an opportunity to redo or revise something that was done previously; a fresh start, or a second chance to improve an outcome

synonym : redo, restart, second chance

(1) **do-over** game, (2) deserve a **do-over**

After realizing the mistake, the team requested a **do-over** to correct their errors.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym : event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

asset

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

synonym : aid, resource, equity

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

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

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose
The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

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.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

colossus

n. a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

synonym: giant, titan, mammoth

(1) **colossus** company, (2) ancient **colossus**

The automobile industry is a **colossus** behemoth of the modern economy.

cling

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

synonym: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

cleave

v. to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

synonym : split, sever, cleave

(1) **cleave** meat, (2) **cleave** the party

He swung the axe with all his might to **cleave** the wood in half.

privilege

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

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

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

rapture

n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement

synonym : delight, bliss, elation

(1) with an expression of **rapture**, (2) feel great **rapture**

He gazed at the actor in **rapture**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
2. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
3. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
4. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
5. com_____ve behavior *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
6. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
7. mo_____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
8. inn_____le stars *adj.* too many to be counted
9. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
10. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 1. circumstance, 2. horrific, 3. spot, 4. procedure, 5. compulsive, 6. alternative, 7. modern, 8. innumerable, 9. intense, 10. mechanism

11. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
12. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
13. a worldwide ep____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
14. pr____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
15. spinning y__n *n.* a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale
16. co____se with laughter *v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
17. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
18. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 11. communal, 12. tread, 13. epidemic, 14. protocol, 15. yarn, 16. convulse, 17. confuse, 18. grip

19. di____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
20. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
21. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
22. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
23. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
24. ext_____ze responsibilities *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
25. en_____e indigenous people *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

ANSWERS: 19. disease, 20. slum, 21. conservative, 22. function, 23. dam, 24. externalize, 25. enslave

26. morning su____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
27. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
28. nu_____y a law *v.* to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
29. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
30. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
31. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
32. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
33. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
34. a ge_____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
35. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
36. ex_____sm ceremony *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

ANSWERS: 26. sunshine, 27. psychology, 28. nullify, 29. disorient, 30. mass, 31. bizarre, 32. academic, 33. statistics, 34. genetic, 35. procedure, 36. exorcism

37. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
38. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
39. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
40. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
41. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
42. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
43. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
44. ps_____is treatment *n.* a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition
45. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
46. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
47. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 37. advantage, 38. grief, 39. convey, 40. confuse, 41. emerge, 42. firefighter, 43. horrific, 44. psychosis, 45. monster, 46. communicate, 47. perception

48. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
49. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
50. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
51. to_____te ambiguity *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
52. 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
53. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
54. ps_____ic episode *adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
55. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
56. pl_____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
57. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
58. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
59. fr_____an orientation *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
60. na__l base *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

ANSWERS: 48. relation, 49. bizarre, 50. utterly, 51. tolerate, 52. discovery, 53. react, 54. psychotic, 55. resilient, 56. plummet, 57. ridiculous, 58. psychology, 59. freshman, 60. naval

61. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
62. critical m___s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
63. ac___e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
64. com_____ve gambling *adj.* relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships
65. u___y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
66. fu_____l arrangements *n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died
67. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
68. 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
69. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 61. reckon, 62. mass, 63. acute, 64. compulsive, 65. ugly, 66. funeral, 67. grateful, 68. stick, 69. privilege

70. su____e a plane crash
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
71. television i__n
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
72. re____t the wall
v. to apply a new or fresh coat of paint
73. hazard ant____ion
n. the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
74. a remote re____ve
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
75. the professor of su____y
n. medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
76. cl____t full of suits
n. a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
77. re____on of inclusion
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
78. in____e heat
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
79. ex____t a security hole
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 70. survive, 71. icon, 72. repaint, 73. anticipation, 74. relative, 75. surgery, 76. closet, 77. relation, 78. intense, 79. exploit

80. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
81. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
82. mi_____ed policies *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action
83. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
84. dance ma__a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
85. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
86. imp_____hed nation *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
87. 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
88. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely

ANSWERS: 80. depression, 81. disability, 82. misguided, 83. motor, 84. mania, 85. incredibly, 86. impoverished, 87. stick, 88. virtually

89. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
90. li_____m carbonate *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
91. low voltage ele_____ock *n.* a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)
92. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
93. ab_____e parent *adj.* involving or characterized by harmful or offensive treatment, language, or behavior; using physical, emotional, or verbal force to control or harm someone else
94. hard to re____n *v.* to think or believe something
95. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
96. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
97. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 89. medical, 90. lithium, 91. electroshock, 92. hell, 93. abusive, 94. reckon, 95. deny, 96. pray, 97. plummet

98. dis_____ent in the result *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
99. be_____d by many people *adj.* loved very much
100. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
101. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
102. cracked int_____ce *n.* a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods
103. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
104. ps_____ic medication *adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
105. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
106. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
107. pre_____ly accurate *adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

ANSWERS: 98. disappointment, 99. beloved, 100. grateful, 101. genocide, 102. interstice, 103. bury, 104. psychotic, 105. concentration, 106. broad, 107. presumably

108. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
109. a t___l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
110. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
111. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
112. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
113. a worthless wr___k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
114. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
115. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
116. job pr_____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
117. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 108. modern, 109. toll, 110. disability, 111. occupy, 112. catastrophic, 113. wreck, 114. committed, 115. perspective, 116. prospect, 117. disease

118. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
119. the ad____ve coloring *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
120. ski do____ll *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
121. de____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
122. ev____y colored *adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way
123. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
124. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
125. do____r game *n.* an opportunity to redo or revise something that was done previously; a fresh start, or a second chance to improve an outcome
126. glance at my wr__t watch *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint
127. fr____an year *n.* a first-year student, typically in college or high school
128. on terms of in____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 118. amaze, 119. adaptive, 120. downhill, 121. deserve, 122. evenly, 123. react, 124. relative, 125. do-over, 126. wrist, 127. freshman, 128. intimacy

129. bi____r depression	<i>adj.</i> of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
130. in____t brain	<i>adj.</i> undamaged and complete
131. in____t forestland	<i>adj.</i> undamaged and complete
132. the cycle of po____y	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
133. ext____ary weather	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
134. s__p cool and moist air	<i>v.</i> to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
135. di____er recovery	<i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
136. religious med____on	<i>n.</i> the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
137. cl__g onto power	<i>v.</i> to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
138. c__w a stick of gum	<i>v.</i> to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
139. seek vo____ers	<i>n.</i> a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
140. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 129. bipolar, 130. intact, 131. intact, 132. poverty, 133. extraordinary, 134. seep, 135. disaster, 136. meditation, 137. cling, 138. chew, 139. volunteer, 140. frank

141. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
142. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
143. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
144. sp_____r of death *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
145. ac_____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
146. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
147. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
148. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
149. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
150. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 141. evolve, 142. concentration, 143. mechanism, 144. specter, 145. academic, 146. vital, 147. brain, 148. tread, 149. experimental, 150. severe

151. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
152. s__p into paper *v.* to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually
153. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
154. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
155. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
156. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
157. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
158. spice r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
159. a learning-di_____ed child *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
160. ob_____ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

ANSWERS: 151. commit, 152. seep, 153. confer, 154. grand, 155. resolve, 156. norm, 157. obsess, 158. rack, 159. disabled, 160. obsessive

161. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
162. talk no____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
163. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
164. the vi____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
165. vi____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
166. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
167. a di____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
168. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
169. a hard and re____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
170. a profound in____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
171. dis____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
172. v__l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

ANSWERS: 161. precious, 162. nonsense, 163. chemical, 164. vitality, 165. vitality, 166. preach, 167. disabled, 168. advance, 169. resilient, 170. insight, 171. distribute, 172. veil

173. in_____nt population *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
174. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
175. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
176. unb_____le heat *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
177. r____ty metal *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
178. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
179. ext_____ze costs *v.* to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed
180. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 173. indigent, 174. participate, 175. perspective, 176. unbearable, 177. rust, 178. spirit, 179. externalize, 180. philosophy

181. sl___t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
182. a glad oc____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
183. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
184. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
185. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
186. global di____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
187. ap___l me *v.* to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
188. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
189. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
190. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
191. exp______tal design *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

ANSWERS: 181. slight, 182. occasion, 183. trap, 184. asset, 185. conclude, 186. disaster, 187. appall, 188. icon, 189. poverty, 190. commit, 191. experimental

192. ac____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
193. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
194. share my in____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
195. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
196. a sw____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
197. meet with opp____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
198. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
199. ce____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
200. artifact of a pr____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

ANSWERS: 192. accurate, 193. ram, 194. insight, 195. privilege, 196. swallow, 197. opposition, 198. pile, 199. celebrate, 200. primitive

201. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
202. d__l up the volume *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
203. tr___l community *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
204. 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
205. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
206. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
207. too_____te tube *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
208. com_____ate with the level of importance *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
209. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
210. nu_____y a vote *v.* to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void

ANSWERS: 201. exploit, 202. dial, 203. tribal, 204. episode, 205. moral, 206. suicide, 207. toothpaste, 208. commensurate, 209. circumstance, 210. nullify

211. unb_____le pain *adj.* not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
212. drug-induced ps_____is *n.* a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition
213. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
214. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
215. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
216. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
217. bur_____me load *adj.* causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage
218. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
219. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
220. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 211. unbearable, 212. psychosis, 213. mutual, 214. deny, 215. spot, 216. anxiety, 217. burdensome, 218. perceive, 219. philosophy, 220. achieve

221. con_____us improvement *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
222. the th___l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
223. draft a pr_____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
224. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
225. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
226. ad_____ve technology *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
227. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
228. a dental cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
229. build in_____cy *n.* close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 221. continuous, 222. thrill, 223. protocol, 224. grip, 225. suffer, 226. adaptive, 227. achieve, 228. clinic, 229. intimacy

230. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
231. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
232. having a strong di_____te *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
233. di_____ct public opinion *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
234. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
235. feel great ra_____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
236. a steam en_____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
237. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
238. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
239. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
240. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
241. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
242. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 230. amaze, 231. vulnerable, 232. distaste, 233. distract, 234. extraordinary, 235. rapture, 236. engine, 237. suppose, 238. suppose, 239. genetic, 240. monster, 241. ultimate, 242. vast

243. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
244. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
245. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
246. con_____ty plan *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
247. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
248. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
249. mo__n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
250. di_____ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
251. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
252. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
253. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
254. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 243. separate, 244. alternative, 245. mood, 246. continuity, 247. explicit, 248. broad, 249. mourn, 250. distract, 251. precious, 252. ram, 253. stroke, 254. function

255. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
256. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
257. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
258. ac__e triangle *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
259. 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
260. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
261. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
262. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
263. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
264. ancient co_____us *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

ANSWERS: 255. ritual, 256. catastrophic, 257. sand, 258. acute, 259. decide, 260. strike, 261. occupy, 262. toll, 263. hell, 264. colossus

265. ap_____ng behavior *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
266. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
267. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
268. d__l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
269. clothing r__k *n.* a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish
270. deserve a do_____r *n.* an opportunity to redo or revise something that was done previously; a fresh start, or a second chance to improve an outcome
271. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
272. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 265. appalling, 266. stroke, 267. emotion, 268. dial, 269. rack, 270. do-over, 271. despair, 272. asset

273. imp_____ve need *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action
274. walk do_____ll to the beach *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
275. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
276. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
277. dis_____ent with the service *n.* the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes
278. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
279. in_____ve breast cancer *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
280. com_____ate salary *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
281. begin to cr__k *v.* to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

ANSWERS: 273. imperative, 274. downhill, 275. backstage, 276. strengthen, 277. disappointment, 278. depression, 279. invasive, 280. commensurate, 281. creak

282. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
283. a h__e of illusion *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
284. cl___e the party *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
285. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
286. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
287. use of so_____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
288. political sp_____r *n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
289. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
290. ap_____ng crimes *adj.* causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant
291. imp_____le theory *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
292. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

ANSWERS: 282. wrap, 283. haze, 284. cleave, 285. nonetheless, 286. utterly, 287. solitary, 288. specter, 289. communicate, 290. appalling, 291. implausible, 292. epidemic

293. di_____nt his audience	<i>v.</i>	to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
294. med_____on by mouth	<i>n.</i>	a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
295. opp_____on campaign	<i>n.</i>	the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
296. em___e from poverty	<i>v.</i>	to move out of or away from something and become visible
297. demonic ex_____sm	<i>n.</i>	the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
298. re_____e prevention	<i>n.</i>	the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
299. a to_____nt teacher	<i>adj.</i>	accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
300. far_____ed expressions	<i>adj.</i>	(of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe
301. a rid_____us amount of money	<i>adj.</i>	very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
302. take ad_____ge of his weak points	<i>n.</i>	a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
303. a vul_____le bridge	<i>adj.</i>	capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 293. disorient, 294. medication, 295. opposition, 296. emerge, 297. exorcism, 298. relapse, 299. tolerant, 300. far-fetched, 301. ridiculous, 302. advantage, 303. vulnerable

304. ant_____ion of her arrival *n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now
305. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
306. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
307. sheer no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
308. ex_____se negative energy *v.* to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control
309. pr_____ve society *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
310. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
311. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
312. a mi_____ed sense of duty *adj.* having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

ANSWERS: 304. anticipation, 305. miserable, 306. flaw, 307. nonsense, 308. exorcise, 309. primitive, 310. terribly, 311. committed, 312. misguided

313. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
314. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
315. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
316. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
317. a posterior ci_____te *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory
318. 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
319. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
320. cat_____ic rigidity *adj.* characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation
321. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 313. plunge, 314. norm, 315. distribute, 316. suicide, 317. cingulate, 318. wreck, 319. secrecy, 320. cataleptic, 321. lift

322. as oc____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
323. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
324. b__t anything out of existence *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
325. temporary me____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
326. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
327. y__n about my past *n.* a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale
328. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
329. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
330. mi____te for change *v.* to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something

ANSWERS: 322. occasion, 323. emotion, 324. blot, 325. medical, 326. poet, 327. yarn, 328. discuss, 329. wrap, 330. militate

331. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
332. di_____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
333. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
334. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
335. co_____se with anger *v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
336. in_____ve species *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
337. allow ch_____re leave *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
338. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
339. re_____t a house *v.* to apply a new or fresh coat of paint
340. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
341. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

ANSWERS: 331. optimism, 332. diagnose, 333. tragedy, 334. afterward, 335. convulse, 336. invasive, 337. childcare, 338. firefighter, 339. repaint, 340. embarrass, 341. strengthen

342. di____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
343. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
344. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
345. me____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
346. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
347. career tra____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
348. b__t my eyes *v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper
349. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
350. st____e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
351. inc____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
352. give inn____le interviews *adj.* too many to be counted

ANSWERS: 342. diagnose, 343. context, 344. evolve, 345. metaphor, 346. grief, 347. trajectory, 348. blot, 349. therapy, 350. strike, 351. incredibly, 352. innumerable

353. the aftermath of this tr____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
354. pl__k exercise *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
355. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
356. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
357. s__t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
358. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
359. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
360. li_____m mining *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

ANSWERS: 353. tragedy, 354. plank, 355. discuss, 356. celebrate, 357. slit, 358. lord, 359. suffer, 360. lithium

361. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
362. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
363. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
364. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
365. field of psy_____apy *n.* the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
366. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
367. start-up ma__a *n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something
368. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
369. ventral ci_____te cortex *n.* a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

ANSWERS: 361. cancer, 362. negotiation, 363. resolve, 364. trap, 365. psychotherapy, 366. angel, 367. mania, 368. flash, 369. cingulate

370. de____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
371. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
372. to____nt of his failure *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
373. labor under a de____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
374. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
375. mi____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
376. ob____ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
377. de____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
378. sw____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 370. depress, 371. cancer, 372. tolerant, 373. delusion, 374. pile, 375. miserable, 376. obsessive, 377. depressed, 378. swallow

379. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
380. cardiac su____y *n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
381. pe____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
382. visit to the veterinary cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
383. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
384. mi____te against the success *v.* to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something
385. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
386. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
387. fu____l service *n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died

ANSWERS: 379. preach, 380. surgery, 381. perceive, 382. clinic, 383. fence, 384. militate, 385. dam, 386. trigger, 387. funeral

388. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
389. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
390. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
391. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
392. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
393. tr___l culture *adj.* relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society
394. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
395. ex_____t pipe *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
396. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
397. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
398. r__t-proofing *n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation
399. wr__t bones *n.* the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

ANSWERS: 388. ultimate, 389. eventually, 390. virtually, 391. frank, 392. embarrass, 393. tribal, 394. overwhelm, 395. exhaust, 396. mutual, 397. constantly, 398. rust, 399. wrist

400. people with bipolar di____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
401. imp____hed family *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
402. ba____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
403. co____us company *n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry
404. h__e of tears *n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity
405. oak pl__k *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
406. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 400. disorder, 401. impoverished, 402. backstage, 403. colossus, 404. haze, 405. plank, 406. discovery

407. mo__n death	<i>v.</i>	to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
408. brilliant fl__h	<i>n.</i>	a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
409. psy_____apy for depression	<i>n.</i>	the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
410. n__b with cold	<i>adj.</i>	unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
411. walk-in cl___ts	<i>n.</i>	a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes
412. na__l battles	<i>adj.</i>	of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
413. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude	<i>v.</i>	to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
414. con_____ty of service	<i>n.</i>	the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
415. th_____y for a patient	<i>n.</i>	the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
416. si___t reading	<i>adj.</i>	without any or little sound
417. antibiotic med_____on	<i>n.</i>	a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

ANSWERS: 407. mourn, 408. flash, 409. psychotherapy, 410. numb, 411. closet, 412. naval, 413. overwhelm, 414. continuity, 415. therapy, 416. silent, 417. medication

418. pre_____ly refuse the offer *adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof
419. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
420. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
421. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
422. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
423. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
424. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
425. to_____te his disrespectful behavior *v.* to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
426. s__t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
427. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
428. pl____e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

ANSWERS: 418. presumably, 419. genocide, 420. trigger, 421. confer, 422. editorial, 423. numb, 424. flaw, 425. tolerate, 426. slit, 427. accurate, 428. plunge

429. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
430. the files are in complete di_____er *n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions
431. ex_____t a topic *n.* the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
432. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
433. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
434. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
435. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
436. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
437. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 429. thrill, 430. disorder, 431. exhaust, 432. pray, 433. optimism, 434. commission, 435. chew, 436. slight, 437. depress

438. grand de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
439. in_____nt elderly *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
440. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
441. suffer te_____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
442. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
443. cl__g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
444. far_____ed idea *adj.* (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe
445. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
446. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
447. a con_____us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
448. moral imp_____ve *adj.* very important or requiring attention or action

ANSWERS: 438. delusion, 439. indigent, 440. involve, 441. terribly, 442. conservative, 443. cling, 444. far-fetched, 445. schizophrenia, 446. editorial, 447. continuous, 448. imperative

449. be_____d author	<i>adj.</i> loved very much
450. bur_____me task	<i>adj.</i> causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage
451. an indomitable sp____t	<i>n.</i> the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
452. we are non_____ss confident	<i>adv.</i> in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
453. ap____l the tourists	<i>v.</i> to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
454. co_____on with God	<i>n.</i> the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
455. v__t majority	<i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
456. gr__d bargain	<i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent
457. toxic ch_____als	<i>adj.</i> relating to or connected with chemistry;
458. com_____on appointed by the government	<i>n.</i> a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
459. cat_____ic seizure	<i>adj.</i> characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation

ANSWERS: 449. beloved, 450. burdensome, 451. spirit, 452. nonetheless, 453. appall, 454. communion, 455. vast, 456. grand, 457. chemical, 458. commission, 459. cataleptic

460. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
461. maintain se____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
462. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
463. ex____se demons *v.* to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control
464. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
465. too____te hygiene product *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
466. untold de____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
467. ex____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
468. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
469. cl____e meat *v.* to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively

ANSWERS: 460. advance, 461. secrecy, 462. obsess, 463. exorcise, 464. ugly, 465. toothpaste, 466. despair, 467. explicit, 468. involve, 469. cleave

470. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
471. di__y apartment *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
472. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
473. almost ev___y divided *adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way
474. ele_____ock machine *n.* a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)
475. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
476. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
477. warm su____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
478. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
479. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
480. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

ANSWERS: 470. survive, 471. dingy, 472. decide, 473. evenly, 474. electroshock, 475. mood, 476. perception, 477. sunshine, 478. constantly, 479. metaphor, 480. negotiation

481. v__l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
482. with an expression of ra_____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
483. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
484. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
485. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
486. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
487. a so_____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
488. the market is de_____ed *adj.* sad and without any hope
489. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
490. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 481. veil, 482. rapture, 483. communion, 484. communal, 485. severe, 486. fence, 487. solitary, 488. depressed, 489. lord, 490. schizophrenia

491. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
492. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
493. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
494. imp_____le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
495. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
496. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
497. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
498. ch_____re allowance *n.* a service involving care for other people's children
499. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
500. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
501. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 491. afterward, 492. angel, 493. convey, 494. implausible, 495. ritual, 496. motor, 497. essentially, 498. childcare, 499. deserve, 500. lift, 501. sand

502. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
503. an____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
504. biochemical re____e *n.* the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
505. a bi____r semiconductor *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
506. med____on training *n.* the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state
507. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
508. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
509. fill in the int____ce *n.* a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods
510. br__d hair *n.* a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

ANSWERS: 502. separate, 503. anxiety, 504. relapse, 505. bipolar, 506. meditation, 507. brain, 508. slum, 509. interstice, 510. braid

511. shoes cr__k
v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,
512. en____e poor peasants
v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
513. di__y lighting
adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty
514. environmental ind____on
n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
515. historical co____t
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
516. mo__l burden
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
517. elastic cord br__d
n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration
518. co____de that he is healthy
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
519. b__y in the earth
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
520. a tra____ry missile
n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 511. creak, 512. enslave, 513. dingy, 514. indication, 515. context, 516. moral, 517. braid, 518. conclude, 519. bury, 520. trajectory

521. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
522. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
523. an air-cooled en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
524. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
525. popular di_____te for corruption *n.* a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable
526. ind_____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
527. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
528. 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
529. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
530. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
531. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
532. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

ANSWERS: 521. statistics, 522. volunteer, 523. engine, 524. essentially, 525. distaste, 526. indication, 527. silent, 528. episode, 529. eventually, 530. vital, 531.

poet, 532. prospect

533. ab____e behavior

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

534. par____te in the program

v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 533. abusive, 534. participate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.
n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
2. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual
3. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
4. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
5. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
6. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
adv. almost completely
7. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
8. After realizing the mistake, the team requested a _____ to correct their errors.
n. an opportunity to redo or revise something that was done previously; a fresh start, or a second chance to improve an outcome
9. The pharmacist not only prescribes the _____ but also guides its proper use.
n. a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

ANSWERS: 1. sunshine, 2. bizarre, 3. Wrap, 4. separate, 5. denying, 6. Virtually, 7. emerged, 8. do-over, 9. medication

10. The news of the massacre _____ the entire nation.
v. to shock or disgust; to fill with dismay
11. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
12. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
13. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
14. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
15. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
16. He took _____ to help him deal with his accident trauma.
n. the treatment of mental or emotional problems by talking with a therapist
17. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
18. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 10. appalled, 11. hell, 12. grand, 13. committed, 14. resolves, 15. sand, 16. psychotherapy, 17. preached, 18. optimism

19. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

20. There is no _____ car park nearby.

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

21. We couldn't see him through the _____ of smoke.

- n.* atmospheric moisture, dust, or smoke that makes it less clear; a state of mental confusion caused by lack of clarity

22. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

23. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.

- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

24. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

- v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

25. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

- n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

26. He made a small _____ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

- n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

ANSWERS: 19. spot, 20. toll, 21. haze, 22. ultimate, 23. strengthen, 24. plummeted, 25. clinic, 26. slit

27. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
28. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
29. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.
n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
30. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
31. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
32. There was a small _____ between the two buildings, just enough space to squeeze through.
n. a small space or gap between parts or objects, often within a larger structure; a break or interval between events or periods
33. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
34. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

ANSWERS: 27. medical, 28. relations, 29. nonsense, 30. poet, 31. mechanisms, 32. interstice, 33. achieve, 34. extraordinary

35. Please don't _____ me while I'm studying.

v. to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

36. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

37. The _____ leaders gathered for a summit to discuss important issues.

adj. relating to a social group or tribe, especially a preliterate society

38. We have overcome _____ difficulties since our founding.

adj. too many to be counted

39. They each choose _____ to battle.

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

40. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

41. She waited for her daughter with _____.

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

42. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

43. She tried to _____ an incorrectly painted object.

v. to apply a new or fresh coat of paint

ANSWERS: 35. distract, 36. severe, 37. tribal, 38. innumerable, 39. nonetheless, 40. editorial, 41. anxiety, 42. procedure, 43. repaint

44. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.
- n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
45. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
46. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
47. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.
- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
48. 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
49. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
50. Grandma used to knit a cozy blanket from soft _____ to keep us warm in winter.
- n.* a long, thin thread or fiber, typically made of wool or cotton, used for knitting, weaving, or sewing; a long, elaborate, or fictional story, often told informally or with exaggeration; (verb) to tell a long, often embellished story or to spin a tale

ANSWERS: 44. genocide, 45. evolved, 46. metaphors, 47. diagnose, 48. stick, 49. discuss, 50. yarns

51. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

52. He sprained his _____ while playing basketball.

n. the joint between the hand and the forearm; the narrow part of the hand near this joint

53. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

54. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

55. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

56. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.

adj. undamaged and complete

57. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

58. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

ANSWERS: 51. chemical, 52. wrist, 53. cancer, 54. function, 55. relatives, 56. intact, 57. amazed, 58. catastrophic

59. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

v. to step or walk on something

60. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

61. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

62. The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's _____.

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

63. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

64. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

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

65. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

ANSWERS: 59. treads, 60. backstage, 61. broad, 62. continuity, 63. protocol, 64. icons, 65. secrecy

66. The _____ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.
- n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
67. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
- n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
68. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
69. He had undergone heart _____ years before.
- n.* medical treatment of injuries or diseases involving an incision with instruments and often removing or replacing some parts of the body; the branch of medical science that treats disease or injury by operative procedures
70. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.
- adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
71. The priest performed a ritual to _____ the evil spirits from the haunted house.
- v.* to expel or remove an evil or malicious spirit from a person, place, or object through a religious or spiritual ceremony; to rid oneself or others of something that is believed to have a negative influence or control
72. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 66. specter, 67. thrill, 68. privilege, 69. surgery, 70. explicit, 71. exorcise, 72. lifted

73. My dog loves to _____ on bones.

- v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

74. 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

75. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.

- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

76. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

- v.* to take part in something

77. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

78. The charity organization provides aid and support to _____ communities.

- adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute

79. He brushed the suit before hanging it back into the _____.

- n.* a small room or cabinet with a door used for storing things, especially clothes

80. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

- adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 73. chew, 74. emotions, 75. slums, 76. participated, 77. swallowed, 78. indigent, 79. closet, 80. mutual

81. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

82. He _____ in pain as the injury was severe.

v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

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

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

84. The detective found the suspect's story _____ and decided to investigate further.

adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

85. His _____ attempt to fix the problem only made it worse.

adj. having or showing a wrong or mistaken understanding of a situation or course of action

86. 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

87. The _____ disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

88. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 81. silent, 82. convulsed, 83. suppose, 84. implausible, 85. misguided, 86. wreck, 87. invasive, 88. ritual

89. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

90. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

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

91. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

92. He had a _____ need to check the stove was turned off every time he left the house.

adj. relating to or involving an irresistible urge to do something repeatedly or excessively, often in a way that is harmful or detrimental to one's well-being or relationships

93. The family's finances have been going _____ since they lost their main source of income.

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

94. She always wore her hair in a single _____ down her back.

n. a complex pattern, design, or plait formed out of three or more strands, often used decoratively in hair, clothing, or textiles; threads of silk, cotton, or other material attached to clothes, uniforms, or other things made of cloth, as a decoration

95. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

v. to think or believe something

ANSWERS: 89. react, 90. disease, 91. disability, 92. compulsive, 93. downhill, 94. braid, 95. reckons

96. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
97. The _____ class was excited to start their first year of college.
n. a first-year student, typically in college or high school
98. The heavy backpack was _____ on the long hike through the mountains.
adj. causing a heavy burden or load, physically or mentally taxing; difficult to bear or manage
99. The factory's _____ fumes polluted the air and affected the health of the nearby residents.
n. the system in a vehicle that removes waste gases from the engine; (verb) to make someone completely tired
100. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
101. 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
102. After his mother died, he got _____.
adj. sad and without any hope
103. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 96. norms, 97. freshman, 98. burdensome, 99. exhaust, 100. strike, 101. depressed, 102. depressed, 103. angel

104. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

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

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

106. Our company offers a full range of _____ facilities as part of our benefits package.

n. a service involving care for other people's children

107. The condition of that old house was _____.

adj. causing horror or shock; deeply disturbing or offensive; extremely bad or unpleasant

108. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

109. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

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

110. The industry in this country is still _____.

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

111. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

ANSWERS: 104. negotiation, 105. resilient, 106. childcare, 107. appalling, 108. fence, 109. confer, 110. primitive, 111. epidemic

112. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

113. The doctor prescribed some medicine for the mental _____.

- n.* an untidy state or a lack of organization; a physical condition or illness that causes problems with how a section of the body or brain functions

114. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

115. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

- n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

116. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.

- adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

117. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

- adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

118. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

- adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

119. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

ANSWERS: 112. celebrated, 113. disorder, 114. volunteer, 115. perception, 116. miserable, 117. conservative, 118. intense, 119. suicide

120. She was _____ in a car accident.

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

121. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

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

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

123. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

124. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

125. He lifted her _____ with both hands.

n. a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

126. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

127. I need to buy a new coat _____ to organize my winter jackets.

n. a framework or support structure used to hold or display objects; a set of interconnected shelves or compartments used for storage; a source of torture, distress, or mental anguish

ANSWERS: 120. disabled, 121. plunged, 122. asset, 123. firefighter, 124. bury, 125. veil, 126. disaster, 127. rack

128. He was ordered to walk the _____ by the pirate captain.

- n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

129. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.

- v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

130. Faces are a good _____ of age.

- n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

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

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

132. 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

133. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

134. My left arm became _____.

- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 128. plank, 129. disorient, 130. indication, 131. abusive, 132. episode, 133. brain, 134. numb

135. A person's salary should be _____ with their qualifications and experience.

adj. corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something

136. The door _____ when I opened it slowly.

v. to make a high-pitched, sharp, and screeching sound, especially made when you step on the door, floorboard, etc.,

137. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

138. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

139. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

140. The _____ instructor guided the group through the relaxation and breathing exercises.

n. the act of focusing one's mind on a particular object or thought; activity to train attention and achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state

141. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

142. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

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

ANSWERS: 135. commensurate, 136. creaked, 137. rammed, 138. constantly, 139. accurate, 140. meditation, 141. horrific, 142. overwhelm

143. The _____ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
adj. reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
144. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
145. The loss of his wife was an _____ sorrow that he found hard to overcome.
adj. not able to be tolerated or endured; too difficult, severe, or intense to be dealt with or suffered through; intolerable or insufferable
146. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
147. The witness's testimony was _____ based on what he had seen and heard.
adv. believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof
148. He gazed at the actor in _____.
n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
149. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

ANSWERS: 143. impoverished, 144. prospect, 145. unbearable, 146. committed, 147. presumably, 148. rapture, 149. piles

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

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

151. The _____ room needed a fresh coat of paint.

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

152. The _____ learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

153. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

154. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

155. Researchers found marked differences in the anterior _____ of the brain between species.

n. a part of the brain situated in the medial aspect of the cerebral cortex that is an integral part of the limbic system, which is involved with emotion formation and processing, learning, and memory

156. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

157. They were looking for _____ in their relationship and wanted to be close to each other.

n. close familiarity or friendship; a close, familiar, and usually affectionate or loving personal relationship with another person

ANSWERS: 150. flaw, 151. dingy, 152. adaptive, 153. eventually, 154. ugly, 155. cingulate, 156. conveys, 157. intimacy

158. This car has a _____ engine.

- n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

159. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

160. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

161. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.

- adj.* extremely sharp or severe

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

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

163. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

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

164. She gets a _____ on each contract.

- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

165. Ethics is a branch of _____.

- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 158. monster, 159. alternative, 160. modern, 161. acute, 162. statistics, 163. concentration, 164. commission, 165. philosophy

166. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

167. We _____ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

168. She was known for her _____ attitude toward different cultures.

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

169. The cancellation of the concert was a huge _____ for the fans.

n. the feeling of sadness, frustration, or dissatisfaction that arises when something does not live up to one's expectations or hopes

170. The rain began to _____ through the roof, causing damage to the walls and floors.

v. to flow or leak slowly and gradually through small openings or spaces; to ooze or trickle out gradually

171. His friend's death drove him to _____.

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

172. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

173. 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: 166. vitality, 167. mourned, 168. tolerant, 169. disappointment, 170. seep, 171. despair, 172. mood, 173. discovery

174. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

175. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

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

176. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

177. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.

adv. completely or absolutely

178. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

179. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

180. The product is still in the _____ stage.

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

181. It is _____ for politicians to be effective communicators.

adj. very important or requiring attention or action

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

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

ANSWERS: 174. vast, 175. Depression, 176. advantages, 177. utterly, 178. vital, 179. distributed, 180. experimental, 181. imperative, 182. perspective

183. The _____ for collecting rare books led him to spend his savings on a first edition.

- n.* a psychological or emotional state that is marked by excessive enthusiasm, excitement, or delusions; a strong and uncontrollable desire or craving for something

184. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

- n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

185. The old car was covered in _____ and needed extensive repair work.

- n.* a reddish-brown coating or corrosion layer that forms on iron or steel as a result of exposure to moisture and oxygen; the process of corrosion on metal caused by oxidation

186. Each person has a unique _____ experience.

- n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

187. She waited in eager _____ for his arrival.

- n.* the action of expecting that something might happen in the future and perhaps doing something about it now

188. Her remarks _____ the debate.

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

189. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.

- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

190. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 183. mania, 184. delusion, 185. rust, 186. grief, 187. anticipation, 188. confused, 189. trajectory, 190. tragedy

191. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

192. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

193. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

194. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

195. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

196. He _____ the phone number and waited for an answer.

v. to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

197. She grimaced in _____ when someone said the insulting words.

n. a feeling that someone something is unpleasant or unacceptable

198. He never uttered a _____ word.

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

ANSWERS: 191. lord, 192. occasion, 193. grateful, 194. psychology, 195. prayed, 196. dialed, 197. distaste, 198. solitary

199. We use this tableware in a _____ service.

- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings;
(Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

200. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

- adv.* after the time mentioned

201. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.

- n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

202. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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

203. The priest performed an _____ to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

- n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer

204. The heavy snow has been _____ since last morning.

- adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

205. The automobile industry is a _____ behemoth of the modern economy.

- n.* a person or thing that is unusually large, powerful, or impressive; a person or entity that is a dominant force in their field or industry

206. This product can spread the cement _____.

- adv.* in equal amounts or shares; in a balanced or impartial way

207. I am here to save my _____.

- adj.* loved very much

ANSWERS: 199. communion, 200. afterward, 201. flash, 202. mass, 203. exorcism, 204. continuous, 205. colossus, 206. evenly, 207. beloved

208. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

209. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

210. 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

211. The patient's _____ state made diagnosing her condition difficult for the doctors.

adj. characterized by a state of extreme rigidity or immobility, often accompanied by a loss of consciousness or awareness; of or relating to a condition in which a person or animal appears to be in a state of suspended animation

212. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

213. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

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

214. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

215. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 208. moral, 209. vulnerable, 210. decide, 211. cataleptic, 212. clings, 213. context, 214. embarrass, 215. concluded

216. Though his plan sounded _____ at first, he realized it anyway.

adj. (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe

217. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

218. Her husband's death caused her to experience a _____ break.

adj. relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

219. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

220. The physician prescribed medication to treat _____ disorder.

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

221. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

222. The _____ officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

223. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

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

ANSWERS: 216. far-fetched, 217. circumstances, 218. psychotic, 219. incredibly, 220. bipolar, 221. engine, 222. naval, 223. spirit

224. I can't _____ spicy food, and it always gives me heartburn
v. to allow something to exist or happen, even if it is disliked or opposed
225. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
226. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.
adj. very small in degree or amount
227. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
228. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
229. He had a _____ because he was working through the night.
n. the fact of becoming ill or starting to misbehave again after making an improvement
230. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
231. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
232. It's important to _____ your feelings and not keep them bottled up.
v. to give external form, expression, or material existence to something that was previously internal or subjective; to make explicit or apparent something that was previously unconscious or repressed

ANSWERS: 224. tolerate, 225. deserved, 226. slight, 227. survive, 228. opposition, 229. relapse, 230. ridiculous, 231. occupy, 232. externalize

233. 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

234. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

- v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

235. I always use mint-flavored _____ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

- n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

236. The overwhelming evidence _____ against the defendant's claim of innocence.

- v. to have a significant effect or influence on a situation, outcome, or decision; to operate or work against something

237. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

- adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

238. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

- n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

239. Her beauty _____ me completely.

- v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

240. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

- v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

ANSWERS: 233. involves, 234. exploit, 235. toothpaste, 236. militates, 237. precious, 238. insights, 239. enslaved, 240. perceived

241. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
242. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
243. His arm was swollen and _____ red.
adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much
244. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
245. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
246. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
247. The court can _____ a contract if it is found to be illegal.
v. to make something legally invalid or without effect; to cancel out, negate, or render something null (= the absence or lack of value, validity, or significance) and void
248. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

ANSWERS: 241. schizophrenia, 242. poverty, 243. terribly, 244. motors, 245. Communal, 246. Essentially, 247. nullify, 248. genetic

249. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

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

250. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.

- n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

251. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

252. _____ batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

- n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder

253. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

254. He was diagnosed with _____ and was hospitalized for treatment.

- n.* a serious mental disorder characterized by a disconnection from reality, often including hallucinations, delusions, and a lack of insight into one's condition

255. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

256. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

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

ANSWERS: 249. dam, 250. stroke, 251. advance, 252. Lithium-ion, 253. frank, 254. psychosis, 255. communicate, 256. academic

257. Her _____ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.
adj. relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
258. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
259. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
260. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
261. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
262. The somber _____ procession went through the streets, with mourners walking behind the hearse.
n. a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died
263. He swung the axe with all his might to _____ the wood in half.
v. to split or divide something into two parts, often with force; to adhere or cling to something closely and cohesively
264. The patient had to undergo _____ therapy to treat their severe depression.
n. a medical treatment in which an electric current is passed through the brain to induce a seizure; also known as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)

ANSWERS: 257. obsessive, 258. obsessed, 259. suffers, 260. triggered, 261. therapy, 262. funeral, 263. cleave, 264. electroshock

265. The enemy fell right into the _____.

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

266. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

- n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

267. She tried to _____ out the unpleasant memory with alcohol.

- v.* to soak up a liquid by using a piece of cloth, paper, etc.; to make a spot or spots onto paper

ANSWERS: 265. trap, 266. grip, 267. blot