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Session 1: Word List

deputy

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym: aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym: safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym : organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym : main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym : consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

folk

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

synonym : community, family, person

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

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

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym : set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

kudos

n. praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment

synonym : acclaim, praise, congratulations

(1) gain **kudos**, (2) **kudos** to the team

She received **kudos** from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.

disclose

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

synonym : declare, reveal, uncover

(1) **disclose** a secret, (2) **disclose** a vulnerability

The curtain rose to **disclose** a fantastic set.

kernel

n. the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle

synonym : seed, nut, core

(1) **kernel** code, (2) **kernel** of truth

The **kernel** of an idea for a new book grew into a bestseller.

extrapolation

n. the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future

synonym : inference, projection

(1) **extrapolation** method, (2) statistical **extrapolation**

The **extrapolation** error led to inaccuracies in the economic forecasting model.

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.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

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.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the

girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym : informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government

whistleblower

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

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**.

venue

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

synonym : location, site, arena

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

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

supervisor

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

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

supervise

v. to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

synonym: oversee, manage, control

(1) **supervise** entrance test takers, (2) **supervise** team activity

She was asked to **supervise** the construction project.

chain

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

synonym: series, string, link

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

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

inspector

n. a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body

synonym: investigator, examiner, auditor

(1) **inspector** general, (2) building **inspector**

The school **inspector** was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.

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.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

intelligence

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

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

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.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym : parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym : panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

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.

avenue

n. a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

synonym : artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym : return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

contractor

n. a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

synonym : builder, declarer, construction company

(1) management **contractor**, (2) major defense **contractor**

The company hired a **contractor** to remodel their office building.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

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.

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**.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym : mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

inappropriate

adj. not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

synonym : improper, unsuitable, unacceptable

(1) **inappropriate** behavior, (2) **inappropriate** language

It was highly **inappropriate** to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

categorical

adj. stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

synonym : absolute, unconditional, unqualified

(1) **categorical** denial, (2) law of **categorical** judgment

She made a **categorical** statement that she would never eat sushi.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

arrogance

n. excessive self-confidence or self-importance
synonym: hubris, haughtiness, conceit

(1) brazen **arrogance**, (2) **arrogance** of power
He acted with **arrogance** and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy
The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**
When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

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.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

legislative

adj. having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

synonym : legislative, parliamentary, statutory

(1) **legislative** process, (2) **legislative** power

The **legislative** branch of government creates and passes laws.

balance

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

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

judicial

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

synonym : legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

oversee

v. to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

synonym : manage, command, supervise

(1) **oversee** the process, (2) properly **oversee** the staff

A committee was appointed to **oversee** a huge budget.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or

objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym : haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

capability

n. the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

synonym : ability, capacity, competence

(1) **capability** assessment, (2) technological **capability**

The company's pricing strategy limits its **capability** to compete with other businesses in the market.

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**.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

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.

weaponry

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

synonym: arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym: atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

nation-state

n. a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity

synonym: sovereignty, independence, autonomy

(1) emerging **nation-state**, (2) **nation-state** autonomy

Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of **nation-states**.

execute

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

synonym : direct, conduct, enforce

(1) **execute** a bold strategy, (2) **execute** a double play
The mafioso who collaborated with the police was **executed**.

aggression

n. the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

synonym : hostility, assertiveness, antagonism

(1) **aggression** by a hostile country, (2) naked **aggression**
The dog's **aggression** made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past
Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray
My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

discrete

adj. separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable

synonym : separate, distinct, individual

(1) **discrete** metric space, (2) **discrete** variable
The company divided the tasks into **discrete** segments to increase efficiency.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow
The political situation **constrained** the country's economic

growth and foreign relations.

disclosure

n. the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

synonym: announcement, revelation, exposure

(1) **disclosure** agreement, (2) public **disclosure**

The company's **disclosure** of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

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**.

smuggle

v. to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

(1) **smuggle** drugs, (2) **smuggle** herself out of a country

He was able to **smuggle** a gun inside the prison.

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.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

necessarily

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

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

telecom

n. (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet

synonym: communication, telecommunications, telephony

(1) **telecom** industry, (2) **telecom** service providers

The **telecom** company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.

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.

methodology

n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

synonym : procedure, approach, process

(1) **methodology** for optimizing, (2) research **methodology**

We are developing a new **methodology** for assessing marketing measures.

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

responsible

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

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

enhancement

n. the act of improving or making something better

synonym : improvement, boost, upgrading

(1) cosmetic **enhancements**, (2) genetic **enhancements**

The software update included several **enhancements** to the user interface.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym : territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

awesome

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

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

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

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

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.

isolate

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

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

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

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

interdict

n. an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority

synonym: prohibition, ban, embargo

(1) **interdict** on trade, (2) judicial **interdict**

The government imposed an **interdict** on the sale of certain goods to protect public health.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

assurance

n. a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen

synonym: confidence, guarantee, security

(1) **assurance** policy, (2) life **assurance**

He gave me **assurance** that the project would be completed on time.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

recommendation

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of **recommendation**

We made a **recommendation** to the client.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

divide

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

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) **idealist** at heart, (2) an **idealist** perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

equivalent

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

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

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

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

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym: introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- viewpoint** *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
synonym : outlook, stance, perspective
(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**
We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.
- utility** *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
synonym : usefulness, practicality, utility
(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**
The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.
- chunk** *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
synonym : block, lump, piece
(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat
The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.
- transparency** *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence
(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials
The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.
- 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.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

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.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

oversight

n. the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something

synonym : supervision, monitoring, failure

(1) environmental **oversight**, (2) **oversight** committee

Due to careless **oversight**, the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym : festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

takeoff

n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

synonym : leaving, departure, liftoff

(1) vertical **takeoff**, (2) **takeoff** run

Our aircraft is now ready for **takeoff**.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym : emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

eagle

n. a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

synonym : bird of prey, raptor

(1) **eagle** feathers, (2) **eagle** eyes

The bald **eagle** symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

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.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry
synonym : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym : ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays
It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

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.

comply

v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request

synonym: follow, abide by, adhere to

(1) **comply** with a code, (2) fully **comply** with all laws

The public schools **comply** with federal standards.

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.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

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.

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.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

unreasonable

adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true

synonym : unjustified, unfair, excessive

(1) **unreasonable** demand, (2) an **unreasonable** amount of money

It would be **unreasonable** for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.

seizure

n. the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease

synonym : confiscation, expropriation, takeover

(1) **seizure** of a debtor's property, (2) a heart **seizure**

Customs have made their biggest ever **seizure** of cocaine.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

inordinate

adj. excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

synonym : exorbitant, unreasonable, extreme

(1) **inordinate** ambition, (2) **inordinate** interest

She had an **inordinate** amount of work to complete before the deadline.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

sever

v. to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

synonym : cut apart, separate, detach

(1) **sever** a rope, (2) **sever** a positive relationship
He **severed** a branch from a tree quickly.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

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**.

shred

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

synonym: rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

constitutional

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

synonym: fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

terrorism

n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

(1) **terrorism** against civilians, (2) anti- **terrorism** bill

Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of **terrorism**.

proliferation

n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

synonym: spread, expansion, increase

(1) nuclear **proliferation**, (2) the **proliferation** of social media

The **proliferation** of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.

obtain

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

synonym: accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

metadata

n. information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file

synonym: data about data, descriptive information, metainformation

(1) **metadata** analysis, (2) **metadata** storage

The **metadata** for a video game includes information about the game's platform and release date.

analyst

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

synonym : reviewer, investigator, judge

(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**

The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

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.

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.

argument

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

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

corresponding

adj. similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

synonym : matching, equivalent, analogous

(1) find a **corresponding** lack, (2) the **corresponding** word in Spanish

The **corresponding** number on the dial was 3.

engage

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

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

- (1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

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

viol

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

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

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

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

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

- (1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

relate

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

synonym : connect, link, associate

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

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

illicit

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

synonym : illegal, unlawful, prohibited

- (1) **illicit** drugs, (2) **illicit** trade

He was arrested for his **illicit** activities in the black market.

efficient

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

synonym : productive, effective, competent

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

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

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym : huge, enormous, immense

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

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

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym : opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym : mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

petri

n. (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

(1) **petri** dish test, (2) bacteria on **petri** dishes
Glass **petri** dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

governance

n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

synonym: administration, management, direction

(1) good **governance**, (2) corporate **governance**

The United Nations assists countries in building strong **governance** frameworks and institutions.

admiral

n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

synonym: commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

arc

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

synonym: turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym: imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

passport

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

synonym : travel document, ID, identity

(1) **passport** renewal, (2) **passport** document

Carrying a valid **passport** is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

intent

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

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

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

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

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.

sectarian

adj. relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints

synonym :

denominational, factional, partisan

(1) **sectarian** violence, (2) **sectarian** tension

The political campaign descended into a **sectarian** battle between rival parties.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

breed

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

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

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

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym: cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

cyber

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

synonym: digital, computer, Internet

(1) **cyber** bullying, (2) **cyber** crime

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

theft

n. the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

synonym: stealing, heist, robbery

(1) victim of identity **theft**, (2) **theft** of designs
Poverty is not a reproach; however, **theft** is.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone
synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
synonym: business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**

A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

leapfrog

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
synonym: hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
synonym: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist
synonym : refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

spate

n. a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

synonym : flood, deluge, inundation

(1) a **spate** of business failures, (2) **spate** of attacks

After the heavy rain, a **spate** of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym : division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

anonymous

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

synonym : nameless, unidentified, unnamed

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

She received several **anonymous** calls.

reprisal

n. an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions

synonym : retaliation, vengeance, revenge

(1) **reprisal** attack, (2) fear of **reprisal**

If you file a complaint, you may face **reprisal** from your employer.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym : destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym: bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

desire

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

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

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

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

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

homegrown

adj. grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

synonym: indigenous, local, native

(1) **homegrown** talent, (2) **homegrown** produce

The restaurant prides itself on its **homegrown** ingredients

sourced from local farms.

lightning

n. a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

synonym : bolt, electrical discharge

(1) streaks of **lightning**, (2) **lightning** air strike

The human eye is **lightning-fast** in recognizing objects.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym : event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

accident

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

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

globe

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

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

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

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

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

contribute

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

synonym : donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym : implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

cooperative

adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

synonym : harmonious, collegial, helpful

(1) **cooperative** savings, (2) fishing **cooperative**

We appreciate your **cooperative** efforts.

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.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy
The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

haystack

n. a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding

synonym: pile, heap, stack

(1) **haystack** fire, (2) lost in a **haystack**

The children played hide and seek in the **haystacks** in the barnyard.

hay

n. grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

synonym: straw, fodder, forage

(1) **hay** cube, (2) **hay** asthma

We sat on a **hay** bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym: accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym : hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

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.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

telephony

n. the technology or operation of telecommunication; the transmission of sound and information over long distances using telephone or other telecommunication devices

synonym : telecommunication, phone system

(1) **telephony** services, (2) digital **telephony**

The **telephony** industry constantly innovates to keep up with new technologies and changing customer needs.

popularity

n. the state of being widely accepted, admired, or appreciated by many people

synonym : acclaim, fame, reputation

(1) win **popularity**, (2) **popularity** in the market

The **popularity** of the band has skyrocketed since their first album was released.

prism

n. a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

synonym : crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym : modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

publicly

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

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

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

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

indicate

v. to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily

increased over the past quarter.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an **investigation**

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

mosaic

n. a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these

synonym: collage, patchwork

(1) a **mosaic** pavement, (2) a **mosaic** of fields and forest areas

The city's **mosaic** culture results in great diversity in the arts.

invoke

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

synonym: evoke, summon, call forth

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

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

speech.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

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

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

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.

debate

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

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

proportionate

adj. having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else

synonym : proportional, commensurate, balanced

(1) **proportionate** response, (2) **proportionate** representation

The judge ruled that the punishment be **proportionate** to the crime committed.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

Congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **Congressperson**, (2) former **Congressperson**

The term of a **Congressperson** is two years.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land
The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

frequent

adj. happening constantly
synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use
His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
synonym : spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge
It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority
Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

cyberattack

n. an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
synonym : cyber intrusion, hack, cyberterrorism

(1) **cyberattack** prevention, (2) **cyberattack** defense system
The hackers launched a devastating **cyberattack**, stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

offensive

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

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

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

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

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym : encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair

judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

recommend

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

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

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

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

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

bot

n. a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

synonym : robot, droid, android

(1) spam **bot**, (2) **bot** detection

The translation **bot** helped me translate a website from another country.

complimentary

adj. expressing praise or admiration; given free of charge as a courtesy or goodwill gesture; conveying or expressing a compliment

synonym : free, gratuitous, costless

(1) **complimentary** drink, (2) **complimentary** comments

The hotel offers **complimentary** breakfast to all guests.

impassioned

adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

synonym : enthusiastic, fervent, ardent

(1) give an **impassioned** defense, (2) **impassioned** plea

He spoke with **impassioned** conviction about the need for change.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

endangered

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

synonym: at risk, threatened, vulnerable

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

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

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
synonym: pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

surrender

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

synonym: yield, submit, relinquish

(1) **surrender** at discretion, (2) **surrender** an insurance policy

The enemy was forced to **surrender** after a long battle.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

entertain

v. to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

synonym: amuse, delight, engage

(1) **entertain** a guest, (2) let me **entertain** you with music

He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

mitigate

v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

synonym: alleviate, relieve, reduce

(1) **mitigate** risk, (2) **mitigate** a natural disaster

Efforts to **mitigate** the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.

defer

v. to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority

synonym: postpone, delay, hold off

(1) **defer** decision, (2) **defer** payment

I have to **defer** the meeting until next week.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

jurisprudence

n. the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems

synonym: legal theory, laws, legal system

(1) **jurisprudence** system, (2) modern **jurisprudence**

The lawyer's understanding of **jurisprudence** helped her win the case.

presuppose

v. to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a

necessary assumption before further discussion or action

synonym : assume, suppose, postulate

(1) **presuppose** certain conditions, (2) **presuppose** a limitation

To fully understand the concept, we must **presuppose** certain background knowledge.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**
They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

badge

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

synonym : emblem, insignia

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

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

tab

n. a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

synonym : tag, label, marker

(1) split a dinner **tab**, (2) open a **tab**

He kept a **tab** on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.

lanyard

n. a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist

synonym : strap, cord, tether

(1) **lanyard** attachment, (2) conference **lanyard**

The rock climber attached their safety harness to a sturdy **lanyard**.

alienated

adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging

synonym : isolated, estranged, disconnected

(1) **alienated** from my parents, (2) become **alienated**

The new employee felt **alienated** from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.

crypto

n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates

independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

synonym : digital currency, virtual currency

(1) **crypto** exchange, (2) **crypto** wallet

The rise of **crypto** has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.

analytical

adj. relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

synonym : investigative, logical, cogent

(1) **analytical** approach, (2) **analytical** ability

He is **analytical** and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 3. tra_____nt crystal | <i>adj.</i> easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely |
| 4. em___y job seekers | <i>v.</i> to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of |
| 5. environmental th___t | <i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation |
| 6. vi_____e by X-ray | <i>adj.</i> capable of being seen; or open to easy view |
| 7. al___e abuse | <i>v.</i> to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence |
| 8. ho_____wn talent | <i>adj.</i> grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area |
| 9. di_____te metric space | <i>adj.</i> separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable |
| 10. number of different sc_____ios | <i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work |

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19. th__t of designs *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

ANSWERS: 11. investigation, 12. oversee, 13. adversary, 14. bot, 15. reprisal, 16. sect, 17. conclude, 18. harsh, 19. theft

20. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
21. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
22. a con_____nal disease *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
23. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
24. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
25. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
26. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
27. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
28. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
29. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 20. microphone, 21. couch, 22. constitutional, 23. relevance, 24. headline, 25. military, 26. intellect, 27. intention, 28. viol, 29. scenario

30. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
31. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
32. a convex l____s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
33. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
34. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
35. death from sh____k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
36. il_____t drugs *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
37. co____l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
38. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 30. involve, 31. procedure, 32. lens, 33. specifically, 34. publicly, 35. shock, 36. illicit, 37. compel, 38. intelligence

39. fully co___y with all laws *v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request
40. do___n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
41. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
42. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
43. 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
44. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
45. 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
46. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
47. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 39. comply, 40. domain, 41. endangered, 42. diplomat, 43. advantage, 44. president, 45. achieve, 46. immediate, 47. journalist

48. ov_____ht committee *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
49. management con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
50. com_____ary comments *adj.* expressing praise or admiration; given free of charge as a courtesy or goodwill gesture; conveying or expressing a compliment
51. b_t detection *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
52. brazen ar_____ce *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
53. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
54. real estate ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
55. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

ANSWERS: 48. oversight, 49. contractor, 50. complimentary, 51. bot, 52. arrogance, 53. legitimate, 54. agency, 55. offensive

56. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
57. pe__i dish test *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
58. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
59. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
60. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
61. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
62. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
63. give an imp_____ed defense *adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
64. ea__e feathers *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
65. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
66. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
67. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 56. murder, 57. petri, 58. separate, 59. murder, 60. valid, 61. grind, 62. accurate, 63. impassioned, 64. eagle, 65. instability, 66. disagree, 67. balance

68. te____m service providers *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
69. an av____e to success *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
70. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
71. ta____f run *n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
72. way to mi____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
73. equ____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
74. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
75. ea__e eyes *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
76. mi____te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

ANSWERS: 68. telecom, 69. avenue, 70. judge, 71. takeoff, 72. minimize, 73. equivalent, 74. logo, 75. eagle, 76. mitigate

77. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
78. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
79. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
80. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
81. festival re_____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
82. advanced we_____ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
83. Imperial sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

ANSWERS: 77. statistics, 78. absolutely, 79. contract, 80. congress, 81. revelry, 82. weaponry, 83. sanction

84. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
85. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
86. cosmetic enh_____nts *n.* the act of improving or making something better
87. sup_____or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
88. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
89. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
90. su_____se entrance test takers *v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility
91. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
92. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
93. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

ANSWERS: 84. mystery, 85. debate, 86. enhancement, 87. supervisor, 88. destructive, 89. defend, 90. supervise, 91. suffer, 92. breed, 93. employ

94. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
95. 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
96. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
97. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
98. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
99. wedding ve___e *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
100. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
101. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
102. statistical ext_____ion *n.* the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future
103. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
104. ke___l code *n.* the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle

ANSWERS: 94. adviser, 95. discovery, 96. awesome, 97. internal, 98. specific, 99. venue, 100. chief, 101. overwhelming, 102. extrapolation, 103. appreciate, 104. kernel

105. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
106. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
107. sm____e drugs *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
108. se_____an violence *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
109. lost in a ha____ck *n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
110. gi____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
111. ha____ck fire *n.* a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding
112. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
113. pro_____ate response *adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
114. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 105. typical, 106. sect, 107. smuggle, 108. sectarian, 109. haystack, 110. gigantic, 111. haystack, 112. concentration, 113. proportionate, 114. stack

115. me____ta storage *n.* information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file
116. ino_____te ambition *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate
117. in____ve species *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
118. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
119. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
120. streaks of li_____ng *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
121. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
122. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
123. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

ANSWERS: 115. metadata, 116. inordinate, 117. invasive, 118. constitution, 119. addition, 120. lightning, 121. device, 122. colleague, 123. sector

124. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
125. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
126. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
127. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
128. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
129. in_____ct on trade *n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority
130. con_____nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
131. a mo___c of fields and forest areas *n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
132. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 124. wander, 125. congressional, 126. isolate, 127. par, 128. iceberg, 129. interdict, 130. constitutional, 131. mosaic, 132. command

133. as_____ce policy *n.* a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen
134. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
135. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
136. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
137. coo_____ve savings *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
138. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
139. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
140. an absolute de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
141. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
142. split a dinner t_b *n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

ANSWERS: 133. assurance, 134. folk, 135. property, 136. circumstance, 137. cooperative, 138. debate, 139. massive, 140. denial, 141. secrecy, 142. tab

143. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
144. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
145. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
146. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
147. ina_____ate behavior *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person
148. 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
149. a mo____c pavement *n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
150. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
151. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 143. approve, 144. arrange, 145. identify, 146. wander, 147. inappropriate, 148. discovery, 149. mosaic, 150. privacy, 151. intern

161. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
162. de__r payment *v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
163. ho_____wn produce *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
164. ju_____al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
165. major defense con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
166. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
167. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
168. environmental ov_____ht *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
169. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
170. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
171. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
172. political co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

ANSWERS: 161. headline, 162. defer, 163. homegrown, 164. judicial, 165. contractor, 166. trade-off, 167. relative, 168. oversight, 169. complexity, 170. incident, 171. addition, 172. comeback

173. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
174. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
175. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
176. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
177. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
178. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
179. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
180. fishing coo_____ve *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
181. se__r a rope *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
182. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
183. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

ANSWERS: 173. specifically, 174. needle, 175. encounter, 176. emotional, 177. government, 178. shock, 179. outcome, 180. cooperative, 181. sever, 182. concentration, 183. calm

184. an easy de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
185. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
186. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
187. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
188. we_____ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
189. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
190. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
191. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
192. anti-te_____sm bill *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

ANSWERS: 184. delivery, 185. efficient, 186. chain, 187. military, 188. weaponry, 189. colleague, 190. relate, 191. communicate, 192. terrorism

193. in____ve breast cancer *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
194. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
195. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
196. di_____se a vulnerability *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
197. co____y with a code *v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request
198. de____y attorney general *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
199. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
200. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
201. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
202. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
203. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

ANSWERS: 193. invasive, 194. transparent, 195. circumstance, 196. disclose, 197. comply, 198. deputy, 199. contribute, 200. unfortunately, 201. indicate, 202. chief, 203. adversary

213. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
214. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
215. let me en_____in you with music *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
216. pro_____ate representation *adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else
217. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
218. a dependent do___n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
219. se_____an tension *adj.* relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
220. a picture fr___e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
221. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 213. judge, 214. expose, 215. entertain, 216. proportionate, 217. opportune, 218. domain, 219. sectarian, 220. frame, 221. tip

222. senior research an____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
223. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
224. a l____s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
225. assume the of____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
226. modern jur____nce *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
227. in____n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
228. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 222. analyst, 223. identify, 224. lens, 225. offensive, 226. jurisprudence, 227. intern, 228. develop

229. a blazing ar_____nt
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
230. pr_____al responsible
adj. most important, main, or chief
231. the most am_____g feeling
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
232. na__l base
adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
233. the clear co_____ry
n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
234. the f__w in the legislation
n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
235. vertical ta_____f
n. a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne
236. vi_____e stars
adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view
237. al_____ed from my parents
adj. feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
238. im__y a strong correlation
v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
239. a strain of vi__s
n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
240. cr___o wallet
n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society

ANSWERS: 229. argument, 230. principal, 231. amazing, 232. naval, 233. contrary, 234. flaw, 235. takeoff, 236. visible, 237. alienated, 238. imply, 239. virus, 240. crypto

241. intelligence ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
242. fr___nt use *adj.* happening constantly
243. jur_____nce system *n.* the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
244. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
245. state of de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
246. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
247. genetic enh_____nts *n.* the act of improving or making something better
248. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
249. il_____t trade *adj.* forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable
250. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 241. agency, 242. frequent, 243. jurisprudence, 244. calm, 245. denial, 246. courage, 247. enhancement, 248. motivation, 249. illicit, 250. stack

251. leg_____ve process *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
252. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
253. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
254. assume the de_____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
255. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
256. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
257. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
258. properly ov_____e the staff *v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly
259. com_____ary drink *adj.* expressing praise or admiration; given free of charge as a courtesy or goodwill gesture; conveying or expressing a compliment
260. ino_____te interest *adj.* excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

ANSWERS: 251. legislative, 252. transparency, 253. desire, 254. defensive, 255. nation, 256. couch, 257. import, 258. oversee, 259. complimentary, 260. inordinate

261. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
262. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
263. become al_____ed *adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
264. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
265. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
266. ext_____ion method *n.* the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future
267. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
268. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 261. massive, 262. assign, 263. alienated, 264. defend, 265. pacific, 266. extrapolation, 267. viewpoint, 268. quote

269. ve__e capacity *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
270. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
271. trespass on a person's pr____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
272. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
273. pr__m spectrometer *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
274. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
275. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
276. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
277. le_____og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

ANSWERS: 269. venue, 270. obtain, 271. privacy, 272. constrain, 273. prism, 274. chunk, 275. accident, 276. arrange, 277. leapfrog

278. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
279. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
280. built-in mic_____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
281. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
282. in___e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
283. as___n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
284. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
285. cr___o exchange *n.* short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
286. br___d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

ANSWERS: 278. recommend, 279. engage, 280. microphone, 281. technological, 282. invoke, 283. assign, 284. appreciate, 285. crypto, 286. breed

296. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
297. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
298. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
299. nuclear pro_____ion *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
300. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
301. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
302. the in____t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
303. gain ku__s *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
304. a divine rev_____on *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
305. fear of re_____al *n.* an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions

ANSWERS: 296. possibility, 297. conceive, 298. intercept, 299. proliferation, 300. suspect, 301. anonymous, 302. intent, 303. kudos, 304. revelation, 305. reprisal

306. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
307. nieces and ne____ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
308. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
309. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
310. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
311. brand l____o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
312. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
313. 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
314. an ar_____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
315. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
316. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 306. motivation, 307. nephew, 308. utility, 309. strategy, 310. outcome, 311. logo, 312. whistleblower, 313. achieve, 314. arrogant, 315. legitimate, 316. congressperson

317. naked agg_____on *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
318. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
319. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
320. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
321. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
322. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
323. de_____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
324. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
325. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
326. agg_____on by a hostile country *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
327. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
328. a letter of rec_____ion *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
329. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 317. aggression, 318. negotiate, 319. crazy, 320. accident, 321. oversea, 322. accurate, 323. defensive, 324. publicly, 325. frequent, 326. aggression, 327. advance, 328. recommendation, 329. encounter

330. ku__s to the team *n.* praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
331. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
332. banking an____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
333. pre_____se a limitation *v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action
334. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
335. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
336. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
337. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
338. sp__e of attacks *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

ANSWERS: 330. kudos, 331. engage, 332. analyst, 333. presuppose, 334. reaction, 335. relate, 336. sector, 337. strategy, 338. spate

339. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
340. imp_____ed plea *adj.* having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal
341. en_____in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
342. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
343. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
344. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
345. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
346. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
347. ina_____ate language *adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

ANSWERS: 339. suspect, 340. impassioned, 341. entertain, 342. device, 343. opportune, 344. basis, 345. attribute, 346. tradition, 347. inappropriate

348. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
349. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
350. naval ad_____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
351. dis_____te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
352. victim of identity th__t *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
353. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
354. an av_____e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
355. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
356. cyb_____ck prevention *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
357. al_____e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

ANSWERS: 348. vulnerable, 349. employee, 350. admiral, 351. disseminate, 352. theft, 353. traffic, 354. avenue, 355. immediate, 356. cyberattack, 357. allege

358. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
359. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
360. sm_____e herself out of a country *v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally
361. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
362. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
363. far_____ed idea *adj.* (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe
364. immediate sup_____or *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
365. unr_____ble demand *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
366. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
367. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
368. su_____se team activity *v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

ANSWERS: 358. enterprise, 359. utility, 360. smuggle, 361. typical, 362. imply, 363. far-fetched, 364. supervisor, 365. unreasonable, 366. conversation, 367. mention, 368. supervise

369. gi____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
370. ap____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
371. ji__d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
372. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
373. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
374. de__r decision *v.* to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority
375. in____or general *n.* a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body
376. in__t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
377. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
378. se____e of a debtor's property *n.* the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease

ANSWERS: 369. gigantic, 370. approve, 371. jihad, 372. broad, 373. nuclear, 374. defer, 375. inspector, 376. insert, 377. property, 378. seizure

379. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
380. in_____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
381. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
382. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
383. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
384. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
385. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
386. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
387. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
388. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 379. equivalent, 380. intercept, 381. expose, 382. arc, 383. process, 384. crazy, 385. traffic, 386. arc, 387. innocent, 388. security

389. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
390. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
391. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
392. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
393. 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
394. te____m industry *n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
395. leg____ve power *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
396. 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
397. special de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

ANSWERS: 389. separate, 390. chunk, 391. harsh, 392. communal, 393. mechanism, 394. telecom, 395. legislative, 396. discuss, 397. delivery

398. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
399. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
400. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
401. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
402. di_____se a secret *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
403. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
404. ex_____e a bold strategy *v.* to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.
405. nat_____ate autonomy *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
406. sh__d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

ANSWERS: 398. invention, 399. intelligence, 400. isolate, 401. security, 402. disclose, 403. attribute, 404. execute, 405. nation-state, 406. shred

407. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
408. public dis_____re *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
409. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
410. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
411. life as_____ce *n.* a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen
412. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
413. a de___y governor *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
414. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
415. la_____d attachment *n.* a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist

ANSWERS: 407. complexity, 408. disclosure, 409. recognize, 410. rev, 411. assurance, 412. associate, 413. deputy, 414. internal, 415. lanyard

425. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
426. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
427. mi_____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
428. the cor_____ing word in Spanish *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
429. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
430. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
431. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
432. 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
433. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 425. argument, 426. appropriate, 427. mitigate, 428. corresponding, 429. employee, 430. revelation, 431. absolutely, 432. insight, 433. communal

434. undertake an ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
435. ana_____al approach *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
436. se__r a positive relationship *v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly
437. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
438. h_y asthma *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
439. pop_____ty in the market *n.* the state of being widely accepted, admired, or appreciated by many people
440. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
441. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
442. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 434. enterprise, 435. analytical, 436. sever, 437. contrary, 438. hay, 439. popularity, 440. associate, 441. efficient, 442. incident

443. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
444. dis_____re agreement *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
445. 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
446. ar_____ce of power *n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance
447. su_____er at discretion *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
448. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
449. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
450. ju_____al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
451. respected ad_____l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

ANSWERS: 443. threat, 444. disclosure, 445. discuss, 446. arrogance, 447. surrender, 448. virus, 449. compel, 450. judicial, 451. admiral

452. far_____ed expressions *adj.* (of an idea or story) so exaggerated or ludicrous as to be very difficult to believe
453. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
454. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
455. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
456. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
457. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
458. law of cat_____al judgment *adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories
459. anonymous whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
460. a habit des_____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
461. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
462. cyb_____ck defense system *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

ANSWERS: 452. far-fetched, 453. possibility, 454. bias, 455. controversial, 456. iceberg, 457. negotiate, 458. categorical, 459. whistleblower, 460. destructive, 461. relative, 462. cyberattack

463. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
464. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
465. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
466. popular sa_____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
467. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
468. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
469. 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
470. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
471. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 463. transparency, 464. conclude, 465. alternative, 466. sanction, 467. congress, 468. amendment, 469. mechanism, 470. oversea, 471. improvisation

472. building in_____or *n.* a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body
473. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
474. cy__r bullying *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
475. open a t_b *n.* a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill
476. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
477. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
478. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
479. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
480. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
481. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 472. inspector, 473. devote, 474. cyber, 475. tab, 476. responsible, 477. governance, 478. alternative, 479. grant, 480. viol, 481. involve

482. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
483. am_____y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
484. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
485. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
486. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
487. dis_____te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
488. in_____e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
489. te_____ny services *n.* the technology or operation of telecommunication; the transmission of sound and information over long distances using telephone or other telecommunication devices
490. en_____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 482. congressperson, 483. amnesty, 484. advance, 485. indicate, 486. procedure, 487. disseminate, 488. invoke, 489. telephony, 490. encrypt

498. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
499. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
500. political ins____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
501. pa____rt document *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
502. grow ar____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
503. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
504. the pro____ion of social media *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively

ANSWERS: 498. process, 499. tip, 500. instability, 501. passport, 502. arrogant, 503. policy, 504. proliferation

505. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
506. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
507. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
508. aesthetic vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
509. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
510. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
511. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
512. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
513. sh__d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
514. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
515. ke___l of truth *n.* the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle

ANSWERS: 505. cyber, 506. essentially, 507. globe, 508. viewpoint, 509. chain, 510. pursue, 511. emotional, 512. grind, 513. shred, 514. awesome, 515. kernel

516. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
517. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
518. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
519. re_____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
520. pa_____rt renewal *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
521. emerging nat_____ate *n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
522. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
523. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
524. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 516. branch, 517. desire, 518. devise, 519. revelry, 520. passport, 521. nation-state, 522. justice, 523. diplomat, 524. responsible

525. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
526. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
527. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
528. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
529. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
530. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
531. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
532. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
533. a pr__m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

ANSWERS: 525. rely, 526. relevance, 527. necessarily, 528. constrain, 529. invention, 530. valid, 531. divide, 532. pacific, 533. prism

534. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
535. te_____sm against civilians *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
536. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
537. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
538. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
539. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
540. na__l battles *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
541. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
542. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
543. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
544. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 534. recognize, 535. terrorism, 536. controversial, 537. recommend, 538. bias, 539. conversation, 540. naval, 541. justice, 542. minimize, 543. nation, 544. nuclear

545. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
546. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
547. pre_____se certain conditions *v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action
548. ana_____al ability *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
549. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
550. judicial in_____ct *n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority
551. li_____ng air strike *n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash

ANSWERS: 545. invest, 546. executive, 547. presuppose, 548. analytical, 549. rev, 550. interdict, 551. lightning

552. in___t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
553. find a cor_____ing lack *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
554. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
555. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
556. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
557. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
558. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
559. me_____ta analysis *n.* information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file
560. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
561. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 552. insert, 553. corresponding, 554. investigation, 555. contract, 556. recommendation, 557. industrialize, 558. grant, 559. metadata, 560. necessarily, 561. president

562. di____te variable *adj.* separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable
563. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
564. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
565. 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
566. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
567. grant an am_____y *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
568. nonviolent ji__d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
569. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
570. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 562. discrete, 563. vulnerable, 564. horn, 565. icon, 566. balance, 567. amnesty, 568. jihad, 569. government, 570. devote

571. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
572. conference la____d *n.* a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist
573. 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
574. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
575. man____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
576. enf____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
577. a medical ad____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
578. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 571. frame, 572. lanyard, 573. icon, 574. reaction, 575. manufacture, 576. enforcement, 577. adviser, 578. violent

579. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
580. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
581. h_y cube *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
582. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
583. su_____er an insurance policy *v.* to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority
584. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
585. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
586. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
587. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
588. a sp__e of business failures *n.* a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

ANSWERS: 579. technological, 580. intention, 581. hay, 582. industrialize, 583. surrender, 584. violent, 585. improvisation, 586. develop, 587. amazing, 588. spate

589. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
590. cap_____ty assessment *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
591. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
592. a heart se_____e *n.* the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease
593. constitutional am_____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
594. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
595. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
596. an id_____st perspective *n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

ANSWERS: 589. lane, 590. capability, 591. manufacture, 592. seizure, 593. amendment, 594. policy, 595. trade-off, 596. idealist

597. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
598. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
599. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
600. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
601. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
602. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
603. con_____nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
604. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
605. research met_____gy *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
606. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
607. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

ANSWERS: 597. essentially, 598. horn, 599. basis, 600. unfortunately, 601. mention, 602. disagree, 603. congressional, 604. tradition, 605. methodology, 606. endangered, 607. appropriate

608. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
609. technological cap_____ty *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
610. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
611. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
612. an unr_____ble amount of money *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
613. met_____gy for optimizing *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
614. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
615. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
616. career co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
617. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 608. globe, 609. capability, 610. argue, 611. rely, 612. unreasonable, 613. methodology, 614. statistics, 615. lane, 616. comeback, 617. folk

618. bacteria on pe__i dishes *n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria
619. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
620. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
621. three-year-old ne___w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
622. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
623. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

ANSWERS: 618. petri, 619. command, 620. governance, 621. nephew, 622. secrecy, 623. proposal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
adj. most important, main, or chief
2. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
3. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
4. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
5. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of _____.
n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
6. The rise of _____ has revolutionized the world of finance and investment.
n. short for "cryptocurrency," a digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security and operates independently of a central bank; someone who hides their true political beliefs or agenda, often to advance their interests or to avoid backlash from society
7. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 1. principal, 2. frame, 3. needles, 4. specific, 5. terrorism, 6. crypto, 7. shock

8. Where can I _____ the application form?

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

9. He is _____ and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

adj. relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

10. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

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

v. to take part in something

12. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

13. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

14. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

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

15. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

ANSWERS: 8. obtain, 9. analytical, 10. exposed, 11. participated, 12. calm, 13. recognize, 14. globe, 15. arrogant

16. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
- n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
17. The new employee felt _____ from the rest of the team, as they didn't try to include him in their conversations.
- adj.* feeling isolated, estranged, or disconnected from others, often due to a sense of difference or lack of belonging
18. The _____ for a video game includes information about the game's platform and release date.
- n.* information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file
19. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
20. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.
- n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
21. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
22. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
- adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

ANSWERS: 16. microphone, 17. alienated, 18. metadata, 19. process, 20. revelation, 21. alternative, 22. endangered

23. 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
24. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
25. The lawyer's understanding of _____ helped her win the case.
n. the theory and practice of law; the study and interpretation of legal principles and legal systems
26. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
27. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.
n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something
28. The curtain rose to _____ a fantastic set.
v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
29. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
30. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
31. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 23. flaw, 24. constrained, 25. jurisprudence, 26. Essentially, 27. chunk, 28. disclose, 29. par, 30. motivation, 31. Communal

32. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

33. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

34. The children played hide and seek in the _____ in the barnyard.

n. a large mound of hay, usually stacked in a conical or cylindrical shape, used for animal feed or bedding

35. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.

v. to put something inside something else

36. The main discussion topic is government _____.

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

37. She had an _____ amount of work to complete before the deadline.

adj. excessive, unreasonable, or disproportionate; beyond what is considered normal or appropriate

38. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

39. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

40. 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

ANSWERS: 32. immediate, 33. harsh, 34. haystacks, 35. inserted, 36. transparency, 37. inordinate, 38. attributes, 39. alleged, 40. mechanisms

41. She received several _____ calls.

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

42. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

43. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

44. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

45. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

46. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

47. The street was filled with _____ on New Year's Eve.

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

48. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 41. anonymous, 42. crazy, 43. visible, 44. contract, 45. reaction, 46. adversary, 47. revelry, 48. grind

49. We are developing a new _____ for assessing marketing measures.
n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
50. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
51. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
52. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
53. Many high-ranking military officials attended the _____ retirement ceremony.
n. a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
54. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.
n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
55. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

ANSWERS: 49. methodology, 50. gigantic, 51. mystery, 52. nation, 53. admiral's, 54. sanctions, 55. negotiate

56. Due to careless _____ the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.
- n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
57. The city's _____ culture results in great diversity in the arts.
- n.* a pattern or image made of small regular or irregular pieces of colored stone, glass, or ceramic, or the activity or method of making these
58. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
59. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general
60. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
- n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
61. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
62. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.
- n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
63. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 56. oversight, 57. mosaic, 58. delivery, 59. broad, 60. lane, 61. conceive, 62. amnesty, 63. viol

64. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

65. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

66. 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

67. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

68. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

n. a son of your brother or sister

69. During recess, the children played a game of _____ in the schoolyard.

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

70. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

71. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 64. denial, 65. industrialize, 66. involves, 67. Congress, 68. nephew, 69. leapfrog, 70. frequent, 71. Technological

72. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.

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

73. Poverty is not a reproach; however, _____ is.

- n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

74. It was highly _____ to make jokes during a serious business meeting.

- adj.* not suitable or proper for a particular occasion, purpose, or person

75. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

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

76. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

77. He was able to _____ a gun inside the prison.

- v.* to import or export something or someone without paying appropriate customs duties, often illegally

78. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

79. He refused to _____ our proposal.

- v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

80. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.

- n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

ANSWERS: 72. concentration, 73. theft, 74. inappropriate, 75. divide, 76. manufactured, 77. smuggle, 78. identify, 79. entertain, 80. contrary

81. The hackers launched a devastating _____ stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.
- n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
82. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
83. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
84. The dog's _____ made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.
- n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
85. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.
- n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
86. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
87. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
88. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 81. cyberattack, 82. granted, 83. horns, 84. aggression, 85. comeback, 86. journalists, 87. oversea, 88. absolutely

89. He was arrested for his _____ activities in the black market.

adj. forbidden by law, rules, or custom; not approved of or socially acceptable

90. The scientist used an optical _____ to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

n. a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

91. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

92. He kept a _____ on his expenses by writing them down in a notebook.

n. a small flap or strip of material attached to or projecting from something; the key on a typewriter or a word processor that causes a tabulation; a bill

93. It would be _____ for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.

adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true

94. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality

95. We appreciate your _____ efforts.

adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

96. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

ANSWERS: 89. illicit, 90. prism, 91. intentions, 92. tab, 93. unreasonable, 94. Cyber, 95. cooperative, 96. enterprise

97. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.
v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
98. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
99. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.
n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject
100. The _____ disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.
adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
101. She received _____ from her boss for her exceptional work on the project.
n. praise, honor, or recognition for an achievement or accomplishment
102. The term of a _____ is two years.
n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
103. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
104. If you file a complaint, you may face _____ from your employer.
n. an act of retaliation or revenge for a perceived wrong, often involving violence or other hostile actions

ANSWERS: 97. invoked, 98. suspected, 99. adviser, 100. invasive, 101. kudos, 102. congressperson, 103. debate, 104. reprisal

105. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

106. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

107. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

108. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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

109. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

110. The right to free speech is a _____ right in the United States.

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

111. The company hired a _____ to remodel their office building.

n. a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

112. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 105. judge, 106. invention, 107. defend, 108. desire, 109. encounter, 110. constitutional, 111. contractor, 112. compel

113. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

114. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

115. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

116. It is illegal to _____ police radio.

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

117. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

118. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

119. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

120. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

ANSWERS: 113. assign, 114. valid, 115. strategy, 116. intercept, 117. emotional, 118. command, 119. employee, 120. amendment

121. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

122. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

123. The enemy was forced to _____ after a long battle.

v. to cease resistance to an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority

124. After the heavy rain, a _____ of accidents occurred on the flooded roads.

n. a sudden or short-lived outburst, increase, or surge of something, often used to describe a sudden flood of water or a burst of activity or events

125. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

126. The concert _____ was packed with excited fans.

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

127. The _____ branch of government creates and passes laws.

adj. having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

128. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 121. appropriate, 122. whistleblowers, 123. surrender, 124. spate, 125. conversation, 126. venue, 127. legislative, 128. overwhelming

129. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.
- v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
130. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
131. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
132. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
133. The hotel offers _____ breakfast to all guests.
- adj.* expressing praise or admiration; given free of charge as a courtesy or goodwill gesture; conveying or expressing a compliment
134. 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
135. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 129. indicates, 130. statistics, 131. rely, 132. executive, 133. complimentary, 134. separate, 135. interned

136. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

137. The rock climber attached their safety harness to a sturdy _____.

n. a cord or strap, often made of rope or nylon, designed to hold or secure something such as a key, identification card, or whistle, typically worn around the neck or wrist

138. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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

139. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

140. To fully understand the concept, we must _____ certain background knowledge.

v. to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action

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

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

142. The government imposed an _____ on the sale of certain goods to protect public health.

n. an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority

143. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

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

ANSWERS: 136. amazing, 137. lanyard, 138. contribute, 139. outcome, 140. presuppose, 141. chain, 142. interdict, 143. offensive

144. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

145. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

146. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

147. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

148. The school _____ was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.

- n.* a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body

149. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 144. addition, 145. argue, 146. traffic, 147. lens, 148. inspector, 149. diplomat

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

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

151. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

adj. of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

152. A ball flew in a big _____.

n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line

153. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

154. The _____ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

155. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

156. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

157. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 150. badge, 151. judicial, 152. arc, 153. sector, 154. analyst, 155. approve, 156. shred, 157. incident

158. The political campaign descended into a _____ battle between rival parties.
adj. relating to a group or faction that is narrowly focused on its own religious, political, or ideological beliefs, often at the expense of others or in opposition to differing viewpoints
159. Customs have made their biggest ever _____ of cocaine.
n. the action of taking something from somebody by the use of legal authority; a sudden occurrence or recurrence of a disease
160. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
161. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
162. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
163. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.
n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
164. 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

ANSWERS: 158. sectarian, 159. seizure, 160. governance, 161. justice, 162. awesome, 163. jihad, 164. discuss

165. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

166. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

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

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

168. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

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

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

170. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

171. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

172. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 165. disagree, 166. unfortunately, 167. policy, 168. accurate, 169. possibility, 170. quoted, 171. courage, 172. military

173. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

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

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

175. He spoke with _____ conviction about the need for change.

adj. having or showing strong feelings, enthusiasm, or dedication or making a strong emotional appeal

176. 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

177. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

178. The translation ____ helped me translate a website from another country.

n. a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

179. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

180. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 173. destructive, 174. efficient, 175. impassioned, 176. discovery, 177. investigation, 178. bot, 179. innocent, 180. bias

181. The software update included several _____ to the user interface.

n. the act of improving or making something better

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

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

183. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

184. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

185. The mafioso who collaborated with the police was _____.

v. to kill someone, especially as a legal punishment; to carry out or perform an action, duty, etc.

186. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

187. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

188. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 181. enhancements, 182. relate, 183. encrypt, 184. pursue, 185. executed, 186. privacy, 187. chief, 188. headline

189. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
190. 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
191. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.
- n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
192. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
193. 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
194. The restaurant prides itself on its _____ ingredients sourced from local farms.
- adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
195. The company's _____ of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.
- n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

ANSWERS: 189. agency, 190. achieve, 191. virus, 192. intent, 193. icons, 194. homegrown, 195. disclosure

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

197. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

198. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

199. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

200. The _____ error led to inaccuracies in the economic forecasting model.

n. the act of estimating or inferring something based on known information or data, often beyond the range of the available information or data; a projection or projection of trends or patterns into the future

201. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

202. I have to _____ the meeting until next week.

v. to delay or hold back something until a later time; to refer to another source of authority

203. The _____ number on the dial was 3.

adj. similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

ANSWERS: 196. relatives, 197. sect, 198. property, 199. nuclear, 200. extrapolation, 201. utility, 202. defer, 203. corresponding

204. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
205. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
206. The company divided the tasks into _____ segments to increase efficiency.
- adj.* separate and distinct; not continuous; individually distinguishable
207. You should not _____ them from the community.
- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
208. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
209. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
- adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
210. 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: 204. rev, 205. develop, 206. discrete, 207. isolate, 208. circumstances, 209. publicly, 210. secrecy

211. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

212. Our aircraft is now ready for _____.

- n.* a departure, especially of airplanes; the initial ascent of an airplane as it becomes airborne

213. The judge ruled that the punishment be _____ to the crime committed.

- adj.* having a proper or suitable balance in size, amount, or degree; corresponding or in proportion to something else

214. 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

215. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.

- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

216. 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

217. They explored every _____ they could think of.

- n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

218. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

- adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 211. stack, 212. takeoff, 213. proportionate, 214. communicate, 215. proposal, 216. suffers, 217. avenue, 218. pacific

219. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.

- n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

220. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

221. The bald _____ symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

- n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

222. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

223. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

224. She was asked to _____ the construction project.

- v.* to watch over and direct someone or something, especially in a position of responsibility

225. He acted with _____ and was not well-liked by his colleagues.

- n.* excessive self-confidence or self-importance

226. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 219. logo, 220. accident, 221. eagle, 222. improvisation, 223. argument, 224. supervise, 225. arrogance, 226. vulnerable

227. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

228. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.

- n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

229. We sat on a ____ bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

- n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

230. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.

- adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

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

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

232. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

233. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

234. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.

- n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

235. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.

- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 227. branch, 228. domain, 229. hay, 230. congressional, 231. folk, 232. specifically, 233. concluded, 234. instability, 235. couch

236. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
237. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
238. She left the decision to her _____.
n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
239. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
240. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
241. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
242. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
243. 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

ANSWERS: 236. intelligence, 237. responsible, 238. deputy, 239. government, 240. procedure, 241. transparent, 242. security, 243. advantages

244. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
- v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
245. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.
- v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
246. The _____ company is planning to launch a new smartphone next month.
- n.* (a shortened form of telecommunications) the communication of information over long distances through various means such as phones, television, radio, and the internet
247. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.
- v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
248. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
249. The human eye is _____ in recognizing objects.
- n.* a flash, or several flashes, of light that accompanies an electric discharge in the atmosphere, or something resembling such a flash
250. She made a _____ statement that she would never eat sushi.
- adj.* stating something as an absolute fact, without the possibility of doubt or exception; relating to or included in a category or categories

ANSWERS: 244. imply, 245. minimize, 246. telecom, 247. imports, 248. threat, 249. lightning-fast, 250. categorical

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

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

252. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

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

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

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

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

255. Carrying a valid _____ is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

256. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

257. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

258. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 251. violent, 252. icebergs, 253. equivalent, 254. colleague, 255. passport, 256. trade-off, 257. employ, 258. tradition

259. I have to check with my _____ before making any changes.
- n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
260. The _____ industry constantly innovates to keep up with new technologies and changing customer needs.
- n.* the technology or operation of telecommunication; the transmission of sound and information over long distances using telephone or other telecommunication devices
261. It is important to _____ accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.
- v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
262. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
263. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
264. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.
- n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
265. We _____ taking media training every six months.
- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 259. supervisor, 260. telephony, 261. disseminate, 262. relevance, 263. complexity, 264. committee, 265. recommend

266. Some people argue that the rise of globalization has weakened the power of _____.
- n.* a sovereign political entity that is composed of a nation, which is a group of people who share a common cultural, linguistic, or ethnic identity
267. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
268. The _____ of the band has skyrocketed since their first album was released.
- n.* the state of being widely accepted, admired, or appreciated by many people
269. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
270. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
271. He gave me _____ that the project would be completed on time.
- n.* a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen
272. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.
- n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
273. A committee was appointed to _____ a huge budget.
- v.* to watch and direct someone or something to make sure that it is being done correctly

ANSWERS: 266. nation-states, 267. breeds, 268. popularity, 269. devoted, 270. opportune, 271. assurance, 272. enforcement, 273. oversee

274. The _____ of an idea for a new book grew into a bestseller.

- n.* the central part or core of something, such as a seed or a computer operating system; a fundamental idea or principle

275. The army used various _____ to defend the country from attack.

- n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

276. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

277. Glass _____ dishes are used to culture microorganisms.

- n.* (petri dish) a small, clear, and round dish with a lid used in laboratories, especially for growing bacteria

278. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

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

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

280. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

281. We would _____ an early reply.

- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 274. kernel, 275. weaponry, 276. intellect, 277. petri, 278. basis, 279. engaged, 280. tips, 281. appreciate

282. As a dedicated _____ she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
- n.* a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
283. This artwork is _____ of her work.
- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
284. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
285. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
- adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
286. 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
287. The _____ of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.
- n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
288. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
289. He _____ a branch from a tree quickly.
- v.* to break or separate something by cutting, especially suddenly and forcibly

ANSWERS: 282. idealist, 283. typical, 284. mentioned, 285. legitimate, 286. naval, 287. proliferation, 288. necessarily, 289. severed

290. We looked at this issue from a different _____.

- n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

291. 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

292. Efforts to _____ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.

- v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

293. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

- adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

294. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

- v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

295. The public schools _____ with federal standards.

- v.* to obey an order, set of rules, or request

296. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

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

297. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.

- v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

ANSWERS: 290. viewpoint, 291. insights, 292. mitigate, 293. controversial, 294. devise, 295. comply, 296. advance, 297. arrange

298. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

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

299. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

300. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

301. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

- v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

302. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

303. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

304. 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

305. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

ANSWERS: 298. invest, 299. president, 300. murder, 301. wander, 302. scenarios, 303. massive, 304. far-fetched, 305. constitution

306. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

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

307. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

- v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

308. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

309. We made a _____ to the client.

- n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

310. The company's pricing strategy limits its _____ to compete with other businesses in the market.

- n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

311. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.

- adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

312. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 306. balance, 307. associate, 308. internal, 309. recommendation, 310. capability, 311. defensive, 312. device