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Session 1: Word List

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym: advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

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**.

evolve

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

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym: amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

time-tested

adj. having proven effectiveness and reliability over a long period of time; tested and proven by experience or use

synonym: proven, tested, tried and true

(1) **time-tested** method, (2) **time-tested** insight

The recipe for this cake is a **time-tested** family tradition.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

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.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

coincidence

n. an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

synonym: co-occurrence, concurrency, accident

(1) the **coincidence** of an opinion, (2) by a strange **coincidence**

It was a pure **coincidence** that we met her in the library.

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.

rigor

n. strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment

synonym: strictness, exactness, accuracy

(1) the **rigor** of the law, (2) academic **rigor**

When the dead body was found, **rigor** mortis had already begun.

shark

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

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

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

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

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.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym: end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

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.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

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.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular

profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym: declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

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.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

synonym: interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

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**.

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.

harry

v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

synonym: bother, pester, annoy

(1) **harry** the ship all night, (2) **harry** a suspect

I need to **harry** my coworkers to finish the project on time.

butler

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

synonym: valet, majordomo, manservant

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

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

naturalism

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

precursor

n. a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth

synonym : antecedent, forerunner, herald

(1) **precursor** cell, (2) **precursor** to serotonin

Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are the primary **precursors** of acid rain.

wetsuit

n. a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports

synonym : diving suit, neoprene suit

(1) **wetsuit** material, (2) **wetsuit** rental

He wore a **wetsuit** for the entire duration of his triathlon, from start to finish.

stripe

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

synonym : line, band, streak

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

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

bumblebee

n. a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants

synonym : bee, honeybee, pollinator

(1) **bumblebee** pollination, (2) protecting **bumblebees**

The sound of the **bumblebee's** wings was soothing to listen to.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym : mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

warn

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

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

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

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

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym : worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

awash

adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive

synonym : flooded, inundated, immersed

(1) **awash** with cash, (2) **awash** in debt

The beach was **awash** with seaweed after the storm.

biology

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

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

cryptic

adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

synonym: enigmatic, mysterious, obscure

(1) **cryptic** language, (2) **cryptic** crossword

The message was so **cryptic** that I had no idea what it meant.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

slab

n. a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

synonym: slate, tile, paving stone

(1) a **slab** of chocolate, (2) marble **slab**

The construction workers poured a large **slab** of concrete for the foundation of the building.

oceanography

n. the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land

synonym: marine science, oceanology, oceanic research

(1) **oceanography** data, (2) **oceanography** expedition

The **oceanography** research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

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.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym: family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym: ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

ward

n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
synonym: room, division, unit

(1) a children's **ward**, (2) **ward** nurse

The patient was moved to the intensive care **ward** for further treatment.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

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.

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

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.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym: hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

neurology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

synonym: brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

grayscale

adj. referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout

synonym : monochrome, black-and-white, gray

(1) website in **grayscale**, (2) **grayscale** printing

The doctor examined the patient's X-rays and noticed a **grayscale** image indicating a bone fracture.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

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

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

ensue

v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something

synonym : follow, occur, result

(1) **ensue** within a few years, (2) predict what will **ensue**

A power outage **ensued** after the storm knocked out the electricity.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

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.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym: bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts

synonym: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach

medical students.

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.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym: deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

distance

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

synonym: space, gap, span

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

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

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations;
the separation of something into several pieces or sections

synonym: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**
He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists
The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16
I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism
We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

- ray** *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
synonym : beam, light, glimmer
(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**
Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
- blacksmith** *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop
The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- surf** *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
synonym : browse, scan, paddle
(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves
I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.
- industrial** *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
synonym : manufacturing, mechanical
(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol
Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- 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.
- interpret** *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
synonym : decode, decipher, analyze
(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

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

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

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.

disrupt

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

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

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

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

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.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym : disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among

employees.

configure

v. to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose

synonym: arrange, set up, organize

(1) **configure** alarm notification, (2) **configure** options

I need to **configure** my computer's settings to connect to the internet.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

backlit

adj. with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind

(1) **backlit** by a window, (2) **backlit** photo

I like to code in dark rooms, so a **backlit** keyboard is convenient.

silhouette

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

synonym: outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment

After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

problematic

adj. full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

synonym : inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

column

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

synonym : line, pillar, cue

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

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

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym : range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

suited

adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

synonym : appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well- **suited** personality

The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and experience.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

configuration

n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things

synonym : arrangement, composition, formatting

(1) **configuration** of the system, (2) engine **configuration**

The **configuration** of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

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

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

acid

n. sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

synonym : sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

bait

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

synonym : lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**

The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym : set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

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.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

preclude

v. to make something impossible or prevent it from happening; to exclude or shut out something or someone from consideration or participation

synonym : prevent, prohibit, hinder

(1) **preclude** access, (2) **preclude** any possibility

Poor planning may **preclude** us from completing the project on time.

humanoid

n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

synonym : android, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanoid** hand, (2) **humanoid** design

The **humanoid** robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym : nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent**

mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

perforate

v. to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object

synonym: puncture, pierce, penetrate

(1) **perforate** paper, (2) **perforate** eardrum

After the medical exam, the doctor suspected that the patient's ulcer might have **perforated**, leading to more severe health complications.

wrap

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

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

neoprene

n. a type of synthetic rubber that is resistant to oil, heat, and weathering, commonly used in the production of wetsuits, scuba gear, and other water-resistant products

synonym: rubber, synthetic rubber, foam rubber

(1) **neoprene** fabric, (2) **neoprene** gloves

She wore a **neoprene** wetsuit for protection against the cold water while surfing.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym: submerged, undersea, submarine

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

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym: observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence

gathered from extensive research.

preserve

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

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

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

norm

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

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

snapshot

n. an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly

synonym: photo, picture, print

(1) take a **snapshot**, (2) developed **snapshot**

There were framed **snapshots** of family and friends in her room.

meter

n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time;

(prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

synonym : gauge, indicator, rhythm

(1) a gas **meter**, (2) poetic **meter**

The **meter** on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

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.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym : evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

straight

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

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

tactile

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

synonym: touchable, tangible, palpable

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

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

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

apprehensive

adj. anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

synonym: anxious, uneasy, nervous

(1) **apprehensive** of danger, (2) **apprehensive** mood

She was **apprehensive** about speaking in front of a large crowd.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym: hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
synonym : continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

perspective

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

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

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

biotechnology

n. the application of technological processes and methods to biological systems to develop new products or techniques, such as genetically modified organisms or biopharmaceuticals

synonym : genetic engineering, bioengineering, genetic modification

(1) **biotechnology** research, (2) modern **biotechnology**

Advancements in **biotechnology** have revolutionized medicine and agriculture.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or

service

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

blank

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

synonym : empty, void, barren

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

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

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

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

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

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym : convert, transcribe, render

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

Translate the text from Italian into English.

humankind

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

synonym : humanity, human race, society

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

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

strike

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

synonym : hit, impact, influence

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

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

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.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

wright

n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

synonym : builder, constructor, craftsman

(1) a car- **wright**, (2) aircraft **wright**

She was a skilled **wright**, able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym : machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym : modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. ev_____on theory | <i>n.</i> a gradual process of transformation of living things |
| 2. pr_____ve a country's heritage | <i>v.</i> to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed |
| 3. his conclusion was ob_____s | <i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand |
| 4. a reckless at_____t | <i>n.</i> an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult |
| 5. traffic in_____nt | <i>n.</i> an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens |
| 6. high imp_____ce | <i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note |
| 7. ex_____ng football player | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement |
| 8. ce_____ny location | <i>n.</i> a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn |
| 9. to es_____te | <i>v.</i> to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious |
| 10. pr_____or cell | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth |
| 11. ana_____al structure | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts |

ANSWERS: 1. evolution, 2. preserve, 3. obvious, 4. attempt, 5. incident, 6. importance, 7. exciting, 8. ceremony, 9. escalate, 10. precursor, 11. anatomical

12. reduce sub_____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
13. bu____r service *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
14. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
15. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
16. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
17. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
18. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
19. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
20. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
21. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
22. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 12. subsequent, 13. butler, 14. millennium, 15. panel, 16. sight, 17. engagement, 18. prey, 19. genetically, 20. engaging, 21. visible, 22. biology

23. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
24. bre____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
25. vi____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
26. my friend's cha____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
27. w__d nurse *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
28. mi____te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
29. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
30. inn____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
31. di____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
32. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
33. infrared sp____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

ANSWERS: 23. solid, 24. breakthrough, 25. visible, 26. characteristic, 27. ward, 28. mitigate, 29. clue, 30. innovation, 31. display, 32. confuse, 33. spectrum

34. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
35. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
36. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
37. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
38. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
39. cognitive ne_____gy *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
40. con_____ion of the system *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
41. 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
42. aboriginal tr___e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

ANSWERS: 34. engage, 35. invite, 36. vision, 37. define, 38. empirical, 39. neurology, 40. configuration, 41. develop, 42. tribe

43. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
44. the spinal co___n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
45. an a__d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
46. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
47. aw__h in debt *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
48. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
49. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
50. 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

ANSWERS: 43. invite, 44. column, 45. acid, 46. surf, 47. awash, 48. environment, 49. innovation, 50. pacific

51. co____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
52. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
53. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
54. ma____e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
55. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
56. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
57. or____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
58. lack of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
59. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

ANSWERS: 51. contrast, 52. straight, 53. logo, 54. marine, 55. vision, 56. institute, 57. ordinary, 58. clarity, 59. blank

60. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
61. 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
62. b__l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
63. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
64. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
65. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
66. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
67. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
68. we_____t material *n.* a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports

ANSWERS: 60. elude, 61. kernel, 62. bull, 63. distance, 64. warn, 65. flee, 66. accumulate, 67. rig, 68. wetsuit

69. 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
70. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
71. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
72. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
73. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
74. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
75. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
76. marble s__b *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
77. developed sn_____ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly

ANSWERS: 69. discovery, 70. encouraging, 71. collaborate, 72. predatory, 73. encounter, 74. environment, 75. suit, 76. slab, 77. snapshot

78. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
79. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
80. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
81. cu_____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
82. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
83. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
84. academic ri__r *n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment
85. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
86. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
87. tim_____ed insight *adj.* having proven effectiveness and reliability over a long period of time; tested and proven by experience or use
88. ne_____gy department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
89. pe_____te eardrum *v.* to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object

ANSWERS: 78. mimic, 79. tragic, 80. dive, 81. culminate, 82. pinpoint, 83. bull, 84. rigor, 85. invention, 86. obvious, 87. time-tested, 88. neurology, 89. perforate

90. the ri__r of the law *n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment
91. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
92. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
93. on_____g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
94. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
95. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
96. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
97. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
98. protecting bu_____ees *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
99. pr_____de any possibility *v.* to make something impossible or prevent it from happening; to exclude or shut out something or someone from consideration or participation
100. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
101. ba_____t photo *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind

ANSWERS: 90. rigor, 91. hunt, 92. interpret, 93. ongoing, 94. encouraging, 95. identify, 96. depth, 97. dive, 98. bumblebee, 99. preclude, 100. flee, 101. backlit

102. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
103. security in ____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
104. pe____te paper *v.* to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object
105. ind____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
106. in____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
107. ha__y the ship all night *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
108. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
109. break off an eng____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
110. a co__n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 102. myth, 103. incident, 104. perforate, 105. independence, 106. intention, 107. harry, 108. distance, 109. engagement, 110. column

111. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
112. seems to be highly pro_____ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
113. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
114. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
115. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
116. aircraft wr___t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
117. app_____ive of danger *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
118. oce_____phy data *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
119. take a sn_____ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
120. ne_____ne fabric *n.* a type of synthetic rubber that is resistant to oil, heat, and weathering, commonly used in the production of wetsuits, scuba gear, and other water-resistant products

ANSWERS: 111. isolate, 112. problematic, 113. define, 114. evolution, 115. invention, 116. wright, 117. apprehensive, 118. oceanography, 119. snapshot, 120. neoprene

121. su___d for the job *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
122. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
123. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
124. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
125. aw__h with cash *adj.* flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
126. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
127. ba_____t by a window *adj.* with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind
128. 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
129. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 121. suited, 122. biology, 123. confirm, 124. confident, 125. awash, 126. capture, 127. backlit, 128. process, 129. warn

130. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
131. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
132. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
133. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
134. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
135. 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
136. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
137. rel_____ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
138. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
139. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
140. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
141. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 130. humankind, 131. strike, 132. myth, 133. sight, 134. embedded, 135. kernel, 136. humble, 137. reluctance, 138. translate, 139. underwater, 140. aesthetic, 141. observe

142. the sil_____te of a garment *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
143. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
144. website in gr_____le *adj.* referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout
145. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
146. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
147. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
148. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
149. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
150. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 142. silhouette, 143. genetically, 144. grayscale, 145. reluctance, 146. contrast, 147. tragic, 148. convert, 149. predatory, 150. pilot

151. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
152. bio_____ogy research *n.* the application of technological processes and methods to biological systems to develop new products or techniques, such as genetically modified organisms or biopharmaceuticals
153. an_____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
154. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
155. ha__y a suspect *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
156. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
157. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
158. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

ANSWERS: 151. unfortunately, 152. biotechnology, 153. anecdotal, 154. underwater, 155. harry, 156. surf, 157. observation, 158. announcement

159. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
160. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
161. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
162. philosophical nat_____sm *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
163. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
164. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
165. mi_____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
166. engine con_____ion *n.* the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
167. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
168. pr_____or to serotonin *n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth

ANSWERS: 159. interpret, 160. disappear, 161. rig, 162. naturalism, 163. blacksmith, 164. panel, 165. mitigate, 166. configuration, 167. statistics, 168. precursor

169. household bu___r *n.* a male servant in charge of serving food and drinks and taking care of household duties
170. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
171. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
172. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
173. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
174. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
175. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
176. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
177. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 169. butler, 170. exciting, 171. government, 172. mechanical, 173. tribe, 174. license, 175. industrial, 176. institute, 177. suit

178. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
179. good source of essential amino a__ds *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
180. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
181. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
182. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
183. by a strange coi_____ce *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
184. software li_____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
185. cr_____c crossword *adj.* having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

ANSWERS: 178. humble, 179. acid, 180. encounter, 181. shark, 182. anthropology, 183. coincidence, 184. license, 185. cryptic

186. es____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
187. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
188. well-su____d personality *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
189. 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
190. predict what will en__e *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
191. bu_____ee pollination *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
192. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
193. 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
194. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

ANSWERS: 186. escalate, 187. confusion, 188. suited, 189. develop, 190. ensue, 191. bumblebee, 192. identify, 193. pacific, 194. anecdote

195. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
196. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
197. 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
198. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
199. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
200. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
201. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
202. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
203. fishing b__t *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

ANSWERS: 195. opaque, 196. nevertheless, 197. process, 198. translate, 199. evolve, 200. perspective, 201. statistics, 202. breakthrough, 203. bait

204. b__t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
205. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
206. cr____c language *adj.* having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature
207. st___e texture *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
208. co_____re options *v.* to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose
209. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
210. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
211. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
212. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
213. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
214. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
215. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 204. bait, 205. preserve, 206. cryptic, 207. stripe, 208. configure, 209. initially, 210. wrap, 211. shark, 212. fortunate, 213. engaging, 214. initially, 215. importance

216. modern bio_____ogy *n.* the application of technological processes and methods to biological systems to develop new products or techniques, such as genetically modified organisms or biopharmaceuticals
217. ne_____ne gloves *n.* a type of synthetic rubber that is resistant to oil, heat, and weathering, commonly used in the production of wetsuits, scuba gear, and other water-resistant products
218. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
219. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
220. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
221. ta_____e feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
222. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
223. variety of ma_____e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
224. nat_____sm in literature *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
225. opaque to X-r_____ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

ANSWERS: 216. biotechnology, 217. neoprene, 218. convert, 219. unfortunately, 220. government, 221. tactile, 222. aesthetic, 223. marine, 224. naturalism, 225. ray

226. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
227. a gas me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
228. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
229. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
230. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
231. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
232. in great co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
233. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
234. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
235. a car-wr____t *n.* a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal

ANSWERS: 226. fortunate, 227. meter, 228. industrial, 229. clarity, 230. ethical, 231. engage, 232. confusion, 233. millennium, 234. blank, 235. wright

236. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
237. co_____re alarm notification *v.* to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose
238. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
239. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
240. a pro_____ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
241. tim_____ed method *adj.* having proven effectiveness and reliability over a long period of time; tested and proven by experience or use
242. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
243. become p__y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
244. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
245. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
246. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
247. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 236. peer, 237. configure, 238. investigate, 239. norm, 240. problematic, 241. time-tested, 242. hunt, 243. prey, 244. anecdote, 245. dismiss, 246. empirical, 247. dismiss

248. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
249. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
250. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
251. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
252. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
253. an et_____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
254. 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
255. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
256. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
257. op___e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
258. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 248. ray, 249. humankind, 250. clue, 251. confident, 252. peer, 253. ethical, 254. pursue, 255. display, 256. intention, 257. opaque, 258. ordinary

259. air br____p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
260. cu____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
261. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
262. poetic me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
263. a s__b of chocolate *n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure
264. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
265. col____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
266. en__e within a few years *v.* to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
267. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
268. cognitive com____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 259. breakup, 260. culminate, 261. depth, 262. meter, 263. slab, 264. disrupt, 265. collaboration, 266. ensue, 267. merit, 268. complexity

269. still on____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
270. inv____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
271. a person's sil____te *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
272. oce____phy expedition *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
273. hu____id design *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
274. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
275. hu____id hand *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
276. ob____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
277. brand l__o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

ANSWERS: 269. ongoing, 270. investigate, 271. silhouette, 272. oceanography, 273. humanoid, 274. concept, 275. humanoid, 276. observe, 277. logo

278. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
279. electronic tra____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
280. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
281. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
282. a br____p hug *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
283. bla____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
284. ada____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
285. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
286. the coi____ce of an opinion *n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
287. ann____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
288. a children's w__d *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

ANSWERS: 278. solid, 279. translator, 280. confuse, 281. concept, 282. breakup, 283. blacksmith, 284. adaptation, 285. disrupt, 286. coincidence, 287. announcement, 288. ward

289. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
290. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
291. app_____ive mood *adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something
292. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
293. pr_____de access *v.* to make something impossible or prevent it from happening; to exclude or shut out something or someone from consideration or participation
294. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
295. pu____e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
296. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
297. 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

ANSWERS: 289. subsequent, 290. pinpoint, 291. apprehensive, 292. context, 293. preclude, 294. adaptation, 295. pursue, 296. straight, 297. discovery

298. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
299. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
300. ce_____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
301. ev_____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
302. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
303. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
304. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
305. ta_____e stimulation *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
306. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
307. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
308. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 298. disappear, 299. embedded, 300. ceremony, 301. evolve, 302. anthropology, 303. collaboration, 304. mimic, 305. tactile, 306. wrap, 307. merit, 308. context

309. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
310. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
311. el___e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
312. ana_____al elements *adj.* of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
313. n___m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
314. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
315. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
316. a white st___e *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
317. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
318. an_____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
319. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 309. spectrum, 310. strike, 311. elude, 312. anatomical, 313. norm, 314. accumulate, 315. capture, 316. stripe, 317. isolate, 318. anecdotal, 319. perspective

320. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
321. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
322. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
323. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
324. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
325. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
326. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
327. professional tra_____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
328. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
329. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
330. gr_____le printing *adj.* referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout

ANSWERS: 320. characteristic, 321. confirm, 322. mechanical, 323. attempt, 324. complexity, 325. independence, 326. collaborate, 327. translator, 328. observation, 329. nevertheless, 330. grayscale

331. we____t rental

n. a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports

332. a test pi__t

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

ANSWERS: 331. wetsuit, 332. pilot

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

2. The plates have a blue _____ around the edge.
n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

3. The _____ of water is called ice.
adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

4. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

5. She is studying clinical _____ to become a brain surgeon.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

6. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.
n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

7. I like to code in dark rooms, so a _____ keyboard is convenient.
adj. with light shining from behind; (noun) light from behind

ANSWERS: 1. display, 2. stripe, 3. solid-state, 4. anthropology, 5. neurology, 6. ceremony, 7. backlit

8. My home is easily _____ from the shore.

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

9. The _____ research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.

n. the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land

10. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

11. 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

12. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

13. 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

14. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 8. visible, 9. oceanography, 10. characteristic, 11. government, 12. anecdotal, 13. process, 14. ordinary

15. The _____ robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.
n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
16. The company's _____ to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.
n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
17. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.
adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
18. She was a skilled _____ able to craft intricate pieces of furniture.
n. a person who makes or repairs something, especially a craftsman or artisan who works with wood or metal
19. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.
adv. at the beginning; at first
20. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
21. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.
adj. happening or occurring later or after something else
22. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

ANSWERS: 15. humanoid, 16. reluctance, 17. genetically, 18. wright, 19. initially, 20. independence, 21. subsequent, 22. predatory

23. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
24. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
25. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
26. The _____ of molecules in steel changes significantly with temperature.
n. the arrangement or pattern of something or a group of related things
27. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
28. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
29. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.
v. to reach a peak or climax
30. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming
31. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 23. hunt, 24. spectrum, 25. importance, 26. configuration, 27. investigated, 28. tribe, 29. culminate, 30. engaging, 31. Translate

32. 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
33. The _____ exercised great care in landing.
- n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
34. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n.* something you want to do and are going to do
35. He is good at swimming _____.
- adv.* below or under the surface of the water
36. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
37. They study the _____ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
38. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
- n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
39. 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
40. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving _____ situations within a community.
- adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

ANSWERS: 32. discovery, 33. pilot, 34. intentions, 35. underwater, 36. mimic, 37. evolution, 38. confusion, 39. complexity, 40. problematic

41. The _____ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.
- n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
42. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
43. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
44. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.
- n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
45. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.
- v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
46. The curtains were made of _____ fabric that blocked out all light.
- adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
47. After the medical exam, the doctor suspected that the patient's ulcer might have _____ leading to more severe health complications.
- v.* to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object
48. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
- n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

ANSWERS: 41. meter, 42. flee, 43. vision, 44. prey, 45. eluded, 46. opaque, 47. perforated, 48. merits

49. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
50. The doctor examined the patient's X-rays and noticed a _____ image indicating a bone fracture.
adj. referring to an image, display, or visual representation that uses shades of gray, ranging from black to white, rather than colors; (noun) a range of gray shades from white to black, as used in a monochrome display or printout
51. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
52. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
53. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
54. I need to _____ my computer's settings to connect to the internet.
v. to set up or arrange something in a particular way or for a specific purpose
55. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.
v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
56. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
57. 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

ANSWERS: 49. rays, 50. grayscale, 51. marine, 52. confused, 53. encouraging, 54. configure, 55. pinpoints, 56. sights, 57. develop

58. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something
59. The recipe for this cake is a _____ family tradition.
adj. having proven effectiveness and reliability over a long period of time; tested and proven by experience or use
60. The beach was _____ with seaweed after the storm.
adj. flooded or overflowing with water, typically suddenly or unexpectedly; abundant or prevalent to the extent of being overwhelming or excessive
61. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
62. The president must have the highest _____ standards.
adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
63. Different people might _____ this news differently.
v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
64. The _____ model of the human body was used to teach medical students.
adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
65. 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: 58. embedded, 59. time-tested, 60. awash, 61. collaboration, 62. ethical, 63. interpret, 64. anatomical, 65. pacific

66. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

67. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

68. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.

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

69. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of _____ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

70. I need to _____ my coworkers to finish the project on time.

v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

71. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

72. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 66. empirical, 67. obvious, 68. columns, 69. naturalism, 70. harr, 71. tragic, 72. institutes

73. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
74. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
75. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.
adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
76. The pond's _____ was around five feet.
n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
77. A power outage _____ after the storm knocked out the electricity.
v. to happen or follow as a result or consequence of something
78. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
79. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
80. Please write to _____ your reservation.
v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

ANSWERS: 73. Industrial, 74. isolate, 75. aesthetic, 76. depth, 77. ensued, 78. environment, 79. statistics, 80. confirm

81. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.
- v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
82. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
- n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
83. He borrowed money from a loan _____.
- n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
84. There were framed _____ of family and friends in her room.
- n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
85. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
86. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
- n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
87. He got over the big _____ with his wife.
- n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
88. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
- v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

ANSWERS: 81. surf, 82. anecdotes, 83. shark, 84. snapshots, 85. define, 86. breakthroughs, 87. breakup, 88. convert

89. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
90. The third _____ was far more successful.
- n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
91. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
92. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
93. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
94. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
95. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
- v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
96. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.
- adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

ANSWERS: 89. distance, 90. attempt, 91. collaborate, 92. capture, 93. escalated, 94. strike, 95. dismiss, 96. mechanical

97. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.

- v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

98. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.

- adv.* in spite of that; yet

99. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

100. 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

101. Poor planning may _____ us from completing the project on time.

- v.* to make something impossible or prevent it from happening; to exclude or shut out something or someone from consideration or participation

102. The author discovered that the _____ had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

- n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

103. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

104. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 97. rigged, 98. nevertheless, 99. peer, 100. kernel, 101. preclude, 102. translator, 103. contrast, 104. exciting

105. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.

- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

106. 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

107. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.

- n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

108. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

109. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

110. The sound of the _____ wings was soothing to listen to.

- n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants

111. The nobler, the more _____.

- adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

112. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

- adj.* having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 105. license, 106. encounter, 107. observation, 108. invention, 109. norms, 110. bumblebee's, 111. humble, 112. fortunate

113. The patient was moved to the intensive care _____ for further treatment.
n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
114. Our world is in the third _____.
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
115. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
116. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
117. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
118. 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
119. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.
v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
120. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 113. ward, 114. millennium, 115. context, 116. concept, 117. innovation, 118. logo, 119. dive, 120. preserve

121. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
122. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
123. Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are the primary _____ of acid rain.
- n.* a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind and that contributes to or influences its growth
124. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
125. She wore a _____ wetsuit for protection against the cold water while surfing.
- n.* a type of synthetic rubber that is resistant to oil, heat, and weathering, commonly used in the production of wetsuits, scuba gear, and other water-resistant products
126. He wore a _____ for the entire duration of his triathlon, from start to finish.
- n.* a close-fitting garment that covers the torso, arms, and legs and is designed to keep the wearer warm and dry, especially when participating in water sports
127. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
- n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
128. 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

ANSWERS: 121. biology, 122. perspective, 123. precursors, 124. invite, 125. neoprene, 126. wetsuit, 127. clue, 128. mitigate

129. 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

130. 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

131. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.

- n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

132. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.

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

133. I'm not _____ in our victory.

- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

134. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

135. The construction workers poured a large _____ of concrete for the foundation of the building.

- n.* a flat, rectangular piece of material, such as wood or concrete; often used to describe a large, heavy, or solid object or structure

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

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

ANSWERS: 129. pursue, 130. identify, 131. adaptation, 132. humankind, 133. confident, 134. engagement, 135. slab, 136. butler

137. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
138. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
139. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
140. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less _____ than usual.
- n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
141. After the war, the _____ of the country appears.
- n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
142. The _____ brought the fish into the trap.
- n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
143. She was _____ about speaking in front of a large crowd.
- adj.* anxious, worried, or uneasy about something that may happen in the future; having concerns or doubts about something

ANSWERS: 137. panel, 138. Wrap, 139. disrupt, 140. acid, 141. silhouette, 142. bait, 143. apprehensive

144. The job offer was perfectly _____ to her skills and experience.

adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

145. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

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

146. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

147. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

148. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

149. The message was so _____ that I had no idea what it meant.

adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

150. Advancements in _____ have revolutionized medicine and agriculture.

n. the application of technological processes and methods to biological systems to develop new products or techniques, such as genetically modified organisms or biopharmaceuticals

151. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

ANSWERS: 144. suited, 145. incident, 146. blacksmith, 147. bull, 148. ongoing, 149. cryptic, 150. biotechnology, 151. clarity

152. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

153. It was a pure _____ that we met her in the library.

- n.* an occasion when two or more similar things happen at the same time by chance, in a surprising way

154. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

- v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

155. When the dead body was found, _____ mortis had already begun.

- n.* strictness or severity in opinion, temper, or judgment

156. The _____ sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

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

157. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

- v.* to cease to exist or be visible

158. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

159. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.

- n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

ANSWERS: 152. suits, 153. coincidence, 154. observe, 155. rigor, 156. tactile, 157. disappear, 158. evolved, 159. announcement

160. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
161. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
162. He was sick for five _____ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
163. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
164. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
165. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen
- adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
166. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 160. myth, 161. unfortunately, 162. straight, 163. warn, 164. accumulated, 165. blank, 166. engaged