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Session 1: Word List

practitioner

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

synonym: professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

civic

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

synonym: community, civic, communal

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

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

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym: sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

soporific

adj. causing or inducing sleep; tending to make someone drowsy or lethargic; referring to drugs, medications, or substances with sedative effects

synonym: sedative, hypnotic, sleep-inducing

(1) **soporific** effect, (2) **soporific** medication

The soothing music was **soporific**, lulling the audience into a

peaceful sleep.

narcolepsy

n. a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)

synonym: sleep attacks, rem sleep disorder

(1) **narcolepsy** treatment, (2) uncontrollable **narcolepsy** attacks

The **narcolepsy** symptoms include excessive daytime sleepiness and sleep paralysis.

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym: enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book
Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

explicit

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

synonym: clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

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

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

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.

definition

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

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

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

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

contributor

n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

synonym : donor, giver, subscriber

(1) **contributor** of funds, (2) regular **contributor**

She is a major **contributor** to the local food bank, volunteering every week.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym : nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

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.

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym : threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

mythology

n. a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths

synonym : folklore, legend, fable

(1) tale from **mythology**, (2) ancient **mythology**

He studies Greek and Roman **mythology**.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

reside

v. to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time

synonym : live, dwell, inhabit

(1) **reside** on the skin, (2) **reside** permanently
They **reside** in a beautiful old house in the countryside.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym : question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**
Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number
The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

moral

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

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden
Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

valence

n. (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or

intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship

synonym : bonding capacity, reactivity

(1) **valence** electrons, (2) chemical **valence**

The **valence** of an atom determines its chemical properties.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

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.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

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.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

subsidy

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

synonym : allowance, grant, sponsorship

(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research

The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

bias

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

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or

plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

wield

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

synonym : exert, manage, handle

(1) **wield** her authority, (2) **wield** a bad influence

They **wielded** enormous power and influence.

disproportionate

adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence

synonym : undeserved, unequal, superfluous

(1) cause **disproportionate** damage, (2) **disproportionate** amount

This big gate is **disproportionate** to the small hut.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym: void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

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.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

concentration

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

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

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

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

clout

n. influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact

synonym: influence, power, sway

(1) **clout** in politics, (2) social media **clout**

The CEO has enough **clout** to change the company's legacy policies.

seamless

adj. without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

synonym: smooth, continuous, unseamed

(1) enable **seamless** access, (2) **seamless** device connectivity

The service was **seamless**, and the food was quite delicious.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

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.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

synonym: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

frisk

v. to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner

synonym: search, pat down, romp

(1) **frisk** around the yard, (2) **frisk** his pockets

The security guard stopped and **frisked** the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by

elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

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

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

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

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

headline

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

synonym: title, caption

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

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

occupy

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

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

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

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

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet

meme.

millennial

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

synonym: thousand, (noun) Generation Y

(1) **millennial** record, (2) the **millennial** reign

Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by **millennial-scale** changes in climate.

sordid

adj. involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

synonym: dirty, seedy, sleazy

(1) **sordid** business, (2) **sordid** past

The tabloid newspaper exposed the **sordid** details of the politician's scandalous affair.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

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.

volunteer

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

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

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

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

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym : geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

cure-all

n. a remedy or treatment for all diseases and problems, regardless of their causes or symptoms

synonym : panacea, universal remedy, magic bullet

(1) **cure-all** remedy, (2) miracle **cure-all**

Some people view meditation as a **cure-all** for stress and anxiety.

imbalance

n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated

synonym : inequality, asymmetry, instability

(1) trade **imbalance**, (2) symptoms of hormonal **imbalance**

An **imbalance** in certain substances causes problems with brain function.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets
Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

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.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

deserve

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

synonym: merit, earn, justify

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

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

eminent

adj. famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position

synonym: outstanding, distinguished, superior

(1) an **eminent** writer, (2) hold **eminent** positions

She was a pre- **eminent** researcher in our lab.

arrangement

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

synonym: placement, configuration, account

(1) **arrangement** of the furniture, (2) **arrangement** committee

As a first **arrangement**, we agreed to meet the following Friday.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

allocate

v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose

synonym: apportion, assign, distribute

(1) **allocate** resource, (2) **allocate** budgets

The company **allocated** a portion of its profits to developing new products.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

depress

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

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

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

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

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.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

subcontract

v. to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party

synonym: outsource, delegate, farm out

(1) **subcontract** services, (2) **subcontract** data entry work

The government agency put out a request for tenders to **subcontract** the maintenance of their facilities.

outreach

n. an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information

synonym: extension, community involvement

(1) community **outreach**, (2) student **outreach**

The nonprofit organization's **outreach** program helps the homeless community by providing necessities.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

disengage

v. to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship

synonym: withdraw, separate, detach

(1) **disengage** the clutch, (2) **disengage** socially

He **disengaged** from the conversation and walked away.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

wealth

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

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

reimagine

v. to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way

synonym : re-conceptualize, re-envision, re-create

(1) **reimagine** the future, (2) **reimagine** the possibilities

The company is trying to **reimagine** its business model to stay competitive.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

arena

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

synonym : stadium, theatre, auditorium

(1) indoor **arena**, (2) political **arena**

The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat **arena** with a retractable roof.

plausibly

adv. in a manner that is believable, reasonable, or credible; in a way that appears to be true or likely based on available evidence or reasoning

synonym : believably, feasibly, possibly

(1) **plausibly** explain his motive, (2) **plausibly** true

She **plausibly** explained why she was late for the meeting.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym : extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

dilapidated

adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition

synonym : rundown, shabby, decaying

(1) **dilapidated** house, (2) **dilapidated** building

The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of **dilapidated** rides.

waterfront

n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

synonym: lakefront, seaside, shoreline

(1) **waterfront** property, (2) **waterfront** view

The city's **waterfront** area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

wage

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

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

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

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

inventory

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

synonym: stock, supplies, goods

(1) **inventory** control, (2) annual **inventory**

The store manager took **inventory** of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

threat

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

a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

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**.

neutralize

v. to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless

synonym : counteract, invalidate, cancel out

(1) **neutralize** a toxin, (2) **neutralize** an argument

We need to **neutralize** the acidity of this soil before we can grow any crops.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking

their path.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

approve

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

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

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

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

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.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

publicly

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

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

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

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

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym : usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

forego

v. to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

synonym : antecede, precede, relinquish

(1) **forego** dessert, (2) **forego** the privilege

The company decided to **forego** the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

ballot

n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
synonym : vote, poll, election

(1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

undo

v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

synonym : reverse, retract, revoke

(1) **undo** changes, (2) **undo** a belt

I accidentally deleted the file, so can you **undo** that action?

municipal

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

synonym : civic, city, urban

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

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

menacingly

adv. in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner

synonym : threateningly, ominously

(1) approached **menacingly**, (2) smile **menacingly**

He stared **menacingly** at his opponent before moving into the chess game.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

sorority

n. a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities

synonym: sisterhood, female fraternity

(1) **sorority** house, (2) **sorority** recruitment

The **sorority** sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym: brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

dislike

v. to not like someone or something

synonym : disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food

He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym : regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival
He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

command

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

synonym: control, authority, leadership

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

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

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym: strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym: land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym: malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care
He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

resonant

adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling

synonym: echoing, reverberating, resonating

(1) **resonant** with the sound, (2) **resonant** cavity

The **resonant** frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.

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.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

knot

n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread

synonym: tangle, entanglement, snarl

(1) a hard **knot**, (2) a **knot** of people

The boy scout showed us how to tie a **knot** that wouldn't come undone.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

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.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym : give off, scatter, beam

(1) **radiate** an aura, (2) **radiate** in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the

city.

outward

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

synonym: external, surface, exterior

(1) an **outward** journey, (2) **outward** cheerfulness

The **outward** appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

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

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

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym: narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.

retreat

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

synonym: escape, withdrawal, vacation

(1) **retreat** deeper into their territory, (2) **retreat** in a mountain region

Many people go on a **retreat** to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

insularity

n. the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality

synonym: isolation, provincialism, narrow-mindedness

(1) the **insularity** of the town, (2) the **insularity** of the culture

The island's **insularity** made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym: coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic
Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

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.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds
The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

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.

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

graft

n. a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

synonym: transplant, implantation, bribery

(1) **graft** surgery, (2) anti- **graft** law

The patient's skin **graft** procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.

ire

n. intense or extreme anger or wrath; a strong feeling of displeasure or hostility towards someone or something

synonym: anger, wrath, fury

(1) **ire-filled** rant, (2) public **ire**

The company's blatant disregard for customer service has provoked the **ire** of its clients.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym: collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a

formidable **array** of products.

bypass

n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed;
(verb) to go past or round

(1) gastric **bypass** operation, (2) **bypass** circuit

This patient must undergo **bypass** surgery.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

protocol

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

synonym: procedure, system, method

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

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

archipelago

n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

synonym: group of islands, island chain

(1) tropical **archipelago**, (2) volcanic **archipelago**

The Philippines is an **archipelago** made up of over 7,000 islands.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym : cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution
The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

accelerate

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

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car
The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

undertake

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

synonym : assume, take on, embark

(1) **undertake** an enterprise, (2) **undertake** routine duties
Young people in this country should **undertake** military duties.

curriculum

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

synonym : program, syllabus, course of study

(1) a **curriculum** vitae, (2) an academic **curriculum**

A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the **curriculum**.

triad

n. a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

synonym : trio, trinity, threesome

(1) a **triad** of nuclear forces, (2) major **triad**

The three friends formed a tight-knit **triad**, always supporting and helping each other.

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.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym : structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym : the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

stir

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

synonym : mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

recount

v. to describe what happened or to narrate a story

synonym : narrate, tell, report

(1) **recount** the adventure, (2) **recount** a conversation with him

They **recount** events that have already occurred.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym : bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

catalog

n. a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices

synonym : directory, list, register

(1) a classified **catalog**, (2) **catalog** card

She used the online **catalog** to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym: set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

negotiate

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

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

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

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

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education

advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

frame

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

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**
He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

folk

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

synonym: community, family, person

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

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

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

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**.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

simultaneous

adj. happening or being done at the same time

synonym: concurrent, accompanying, coexisting

(1) the **simultaneous** release of the album,

(2) **simultaneous** equations

The **simultaneous** translation made it possible for everyone to understand the speaker.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. the fr__e of the policy | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 2. co____al combination of funds | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 3. the final ba____t | <i>n.</i> a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election |
| 4. par____te fully in conversation | <i>v.</i> to take part in something |
| 5. pl____ly true | <i>adv.</i> in a manner that is believable, reasonable, or credible; in a way that appears to be true or likely based on available evidence or reasoning |
| 6. re____t the adventure | <i>v.</i> to describe what happened or to narrate a story |
| 7. pr____us information | <i>adj.</i> uncommon and extremely valuable |
| 8. de____e this prize | <i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable |
| 9. wi__d her authority | <i>v.</i> to possess and exercise power, authority, etc |
| 10. annual in____ry | <i>n.</i> a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list |
| 11. ex____ng football player | <i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement |

ANSWERS: 1. frame, 2. communal, 3. ballot, 4. participate, 5. plausibly, 6. recount, 7. precious, 8. deserve, 9. wield, 10. inventory, 11. exciting

12. co____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
13. bo____g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
14. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
15. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
16. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
17. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
18. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
19. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
20. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
21. lava bo_____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
22. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
23. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
24. enable se_____ss access *adj.* without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

ANSWERS: 12. convert, 13. boring, 14. immigrant, 15. pervasive, 16. accelerate, 17. corporation, 18. largely, 19. define, 20. profoundly, 21. boulder, 22. dictator, 23. civic, 24. seamless

25. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
26. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
27. laws of ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
28. so_____ic effect *adj.* causing or inducing sleep; tending to make someone drowsy or lethargic; referring to drugs, medications, or substances with sedative effects
29. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
30. di_____ge socially *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
31. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
32. marginal ut_____y *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
33. 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

ANSWERS: 25. migrant, 26. ignorance, 27. physics, 28. soporific, 29. corruption, 30. disengage, 31. monopoly, 32. utility, 33. process

34. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
35. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
36. gadget te_____es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
37. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
38. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
39. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
40. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
41. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
42. ut_____y costs *n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

ANSWERS: 34. responsible, 35. movement, 36. techie, 37. graduate, 38. relation, 39. tread, 40. blind, 41. statistics, 42. utility

43. el__t the school board
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
44. em____ng technologies
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
45. acquire a vi___e
n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
46. in____t ancestral property
v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
47. gastric by___s operation
n. an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
48. computer-ill____te
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
49. the longstanding co____ct
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
50. se____ss device connectivity
adj. without spaces or breaks between one part and the next
51. al__e in nature
adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance
52. all ability to mo____te
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
53. do____te over the weak
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
54. em____nt repair of an aorta
adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

ANSWERS: 43. elect, 44. emerging, 45. virtue, 46. inherit, 47. bypass, 48. illiterate, 49. conflict, 50. seamless, 51. alike, 52. motivate, 53. dominate, 54. emergent

55. tale from my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
56. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
57. neu_____ze an argument *v.* to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless
58. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
59. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
60. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
61. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
62. va_____m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
63. fo_____o the privilege *v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
64. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 55. mythology, 56. largely, 57. neutralize, 58. compound, 59. bureaucracy, 60. revolution, 61. uncomfortable, 62. vacuum, 63. forego, 64. concentration

65. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
66. ancient my_____gy *n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
67. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
68. wat_____nt property *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean
69. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
70. ex_____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
71. 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
72. u__o changes *v.* to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific

ANSWERS: 65. highway, 66. mythology, 67. navigate, 68. waterfront, 69. meme, 70. explicit, 71. process, 72. undo

73. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
74. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
75. an ou_____d journey *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
76. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
77. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
78. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
79. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
80. a k__t of people *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
81. bo____g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
82. vi____e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
83. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 73. diversity, 74. uncomfortable, 75. outward, 76. threat, 77. negative, 78. blind, 79. transparency, 80. knot, 81. boring, 82. virtue, 83. command

84. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
85. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
86. aspiring te_____es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
87. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
88. global mar_____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
89. gross pr_____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
90. dead as_____p *adj.* in a state of sleep
91. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
92. pl_____ly explain his motive *adv.* in a manner that is believable, reasonable, or credible; in a way that appears to be true or likely based on available evidence or reasoning
93. pa_____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 84. approve, 85. definition, 86. techie, 87. confront, 88. marketplace, 89. profit, 90. asleep, 91. confront, 92. plausibly, 93. parochial

94. environmental th__t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
95. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
96. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
97. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
98. a two-dimensional ar__y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
99. w__d nurse *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
100. symptoms of hormonal im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
101. di_____ge the clutch *v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
102. material we__h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 94. threat, 95. lobby, 96. recognize, 97. strategy, 98. array, 99. ward, 100. imbalance, 101. disengage, 102. wealth

103. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
104. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
105. so___d past *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
106. di_____e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
107. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
108. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
109. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
110. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
111. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
112. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 103. elect, 104. democracy, 105. sordid, 106. dislike, 107. folk, 108. faith, 109. framework, 110. responsible, 111. imaginary, 112. framework

113. a hard k__t *n.* a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread
114. en_____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
115. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
116. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
117. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
118. uncontrollable nar_____sy attacks *n.* a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)
119. die in sp___e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
120. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
121. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 113. knot, 114. encompass, 115. inequality, 116. inequality, 117. reckon, 118. narcolepsy, 119. spite, 120. folk, 121. planet

122. arr_____nt of the furniture *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
123. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
124. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
125. so_____ty recruitment *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
126. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
127. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
128. re_____nt with the sound *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
129. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 122. arrangement, 123. lobby, 124. fraternity, 125. sorority, 126. movement, 127. involve, 128. resonant, 129. exciting

130. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
131. student ou____ch *n.* an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information
132. a tr__d of nuclear forces *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
133. go___n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
134. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
135. the ins_____ty of the town *n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
136. re_____ne the future *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
137. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 130. abuse, 131. outreach, 132. triad, 133. govern, 134. illiterate, 135. insularity, 136. reimagine, 137. medium

138. ou____d cheerfulness *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
139. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
140. approached men_____ly *adv.* in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
141. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
142. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
143. i_e-filled rant *n.* intense or extreme anger or wrath; a strong feeling of displeasure or hostility towards someone or something
144. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
145. a classified ca_____g *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
146. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
147. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
148. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
149. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
150. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 138. outward, 139. naive, 140. menacingly, 141. moral, 142. arrangement, 143. ire, 144. engagement, 145. catalog, 146. profoundly, 147. alike, 148. unfortunate, 149. evil, 150. invite

151. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
152. ra_____e in all directions *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
153. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
154. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
155. community ou_____ch *n.* an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information
156. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
157. re_____ne the possibilities *v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
158. bo_____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
159. un_____ke routine duties *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

ANSWERS: 151. monopoly, 152. radiate, 153. profound, 154. advocate, 155. outreach, 156. champion, 157. reimagine, 158. boulder, 159. undertake

160. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
161. invisible me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
162. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
163. sub_____ct data entry work *v.* to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party
164. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
165. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
166. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
167. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
168. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
169. a su_____y for research *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

ANSWERS: 160. reduction, 161. menace, 162. carbon, 163. subcontract, 164. innovation, 165. visible, 166. replace, 167. democracy, 168. strike, 169. subsidy

170. health po___y
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
171. military di____or
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
172. he____ne article
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
173. ne_____te a settlement
- v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
174. con_____ion in English
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
175. in_____t estate
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
176. in___e criticism
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
177. in_____us behavior
- adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
178. fr__k his pockets
- v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner

ANSWERS: 170. policy, 171. dictator, 172. headline, 173. negotiate, 174. conversation, 175. inherit, 176. invite, 177. insidious, 178. frisk

179. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
180. political ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
181. hold em_____t positions *adj.* famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
182. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
183. va___m packing *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
184. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
185. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
186. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
187. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
188. te_____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

ANSWERS: 179. influence, 180. arena, 181. eminent, 182. narrative, 183. vacuum, 184. emerging, 185. opportune, 186. ignorance, 187. decide, 188. terrain

189. volcanic arc_____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
190. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
191. 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
192. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
193. wi__d a bad influence *v.* to possess and exercise power, authority, etc
194. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
195. re_____t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
196. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
197. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 189. archipelago, 190. engineer, 191. discovery, 192. scary, 193. wield, 194. statistics, 195. retreat, 196. overcome, 197. policy

198. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
199. inefficient fossil fuel su_____y *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
200. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
201. wat_____nt view *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean
202. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
203. im_____nt communities *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
204. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
205. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
206. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
207. draft a pr_____ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 198. approve, 199. subsidy, 200. allocate, 201. waterfront, 202. extended, 203. immigrant, 204. engagement, 205. cynical, 206. unfortunate, 207. protocol

208. al____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
209. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
210. sub____ct services *v.* to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party
211. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
212. junior fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
213. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
214. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
215. banner he____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
216. ad____e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
217. at____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
218. ba____t booth *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

ANSWERS: 208. allocate, 209. random, 210. subcontract, 211. define, 212. fellow, 213. random, 214. scary, 215. headline, 216. admire, 217. attend, 218. ballot

219. anti-gr__t law *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
220. 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
221. de____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
222. so___d business *adj.* involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved
223. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
224. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
225. neu_____ze a toxin *v.* to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless
226. permafrost te_____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
227. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 219. graft, 220. strike, 221. depress, 222. sordid, 223. champion, 224. definition, 225. neutralize, 226. terrain, 227. institutionalize

228. public i_e	<i>n.</i> intense or extreme anger or wrath; a strong feeling of displeasure or hostility towards someone or something
229. gov_____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
230. a friendly con_____ion	<i>n.</i> an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
231. exc_____ly common	<i>adv.</i> to an extreme degree
232. an academic cur_____um	<i>n.</i> a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
233. marine ec_____em	<i>n.</i> all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
234. at____d service	<i>v.</i> to be present at an event, to go to a place
235. ne_____te the price of the house	<i>v.</i> to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
236. b__s against a big company	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
237. sim_____ous equations	<i>adj.</i> happening or being done at the same time
238. dil_____ed house	<i>adj.</i> in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
239. fo____o dessert	<i>v.</i> to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

ANSWERS: 228. ire, 229. government, 230. conversation, 231. exceedingly, 232. curriculum, 233. ecosystem, 234. attend, 235. negotiate, 236. bias, 237. simultaneous, 238. dilapidated, 239. forego

240. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
241. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
242. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
243. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
244. re_____nt cavity *adj.* tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
245. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
246. pra_____ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
247. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree
248. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
249. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
250. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
251. political ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 240. creep, 241. viral, 242. evil, 243. institutionalize, 244. resonant, 245. profit, 246. practitioner, 247. exceedingly, 248. negative, 249. concentration, 250. transparency, 251. tactics

252. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
253. oc____y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
254. va_____e electrons *n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
255. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
256. ra_____e an aura *v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
257. catchy sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
258. cu_____ll remedy *n.* a remedy or treatment for all diseases and problems, regardless of their causes or symptoms
259. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
260. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
261. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
262. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 252. emergent, 253. occupy, 254. valence, 255. dominate, 256. radiate, 257. slogan, 258. cure-all, 259. experiment, 260. voter, 261. opt, 262. government

263. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
264. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
265. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
266. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
267. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
268. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
269. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
270. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
271. regular con_____or *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

ANSWERS: 263. ecosystem, 264. graduate, 265. corporation, 266. involve, 267. nation, 268. consequence, 269. consequence, 270. medium, 271. contributor

272. na_____te the Pacific	<i>v.</i>	to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
273. a cur_____um vitae	<i>n.</i>	a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
274. ca____n emission	<i>n.</i>	a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
275. dil_____ed building	<i>adj.</i>	in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
276. re_____t a conversation with him	<i>v.</i>	to describe what happened or to narrate a story
277. li_____me benefits	<i>n.</i>	the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
278. em_____e building	<i>n.</i>	a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
279. develop a st_____gy	<i>n.</i>	a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
280. u__o a belt	<i>v.</i>	to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
281. nar_____sy treatment	<i>n.</i>	a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)
282. mar_____ce competition	<i>n.</i>	a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

ANSWERS: 272. navigate, 273. curriculum, 274. carbon, 275. dilapidated, 276. recount, 277. lifetime, 278. empire, 279. strategy, 280. undo, 281. narcolepsy, 282. marketplace

283. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
284. mil_____al record *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
285. trade im_____ce *n.* a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
286. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
287. indoor ar__a *n.* a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events
288. un_____ke an enterprise *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
289. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
290. re___e permanently *v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
291. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country

ANSWERS: 283. command, 284. millennial, 285. imbalance, 286. bureaucracy, 287. arena, 288. undertake, 289. grab, 290. reside, 291. citizenship

292. as___p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
293. advertising sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
294. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
295. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
296. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
297. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
298. 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
299. gr__t surgery *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

ANSWERS: 292. asleep, 293. slogan, 294. undermine, 295. inquiry, 296. influence, 297. convert, 298. pursue, 299. graft

311. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
312. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
313. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
314. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
315. s__r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
316. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
317. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
318. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
319. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
320. in_____ry control *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

ANSWERS: 311. resistance, 312. naive, 313. insidious, 314. misinformation, 315. stir, 316. relation, 317. diversity, 318. engage, 319. volunteer, 320. inventory

321. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
322. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
323. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
324. mu_____al bond *adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
325. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
326. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
327. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
328. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
329. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 321. innovation, 322. tread, 323. overcome, 324. municipal, 325. cynical, 326. grab, 327. frame, 328. fraternity, 329. undermine

330. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
331. so_____ic medication *adj.* causing or inducing sleep; tending to make someone drowsy or lethargic; referring to drugs, medications, or substances with sedative effects
332. s__r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
333. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
334. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
335. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
336. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
337. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
338. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 330. resistance, 331. soporific, 332. stir, 333. volunteer, 334. meme, 335. fellow, 336. imaginary, 337. reduction, 338. depress

339. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
340. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
341. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
342. re___e on the skin *v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
343. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
344. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
345. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
346. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
347. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
348. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
349. cl__t in politics *n.* influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact

ANSWERS: 339. conflict, 340. publicly, 341. bias, 342. reside, 343. revolution, 344. creative, 345. fundamental, 346. wage, 347. tactics, 348. abuse, 349. clout

350. re_____t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
351. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
352. by____s circuit *n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
353. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
354. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
355. chemical va_____e *n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
356. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
357. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
358. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
359. ex_____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

ANSWERS: 350. retreat, 351. participate, 352. bypass, 353. civic, 354. engage, 355. valence, 356. voter, 357. engineer, 358. advocate, 359. extended

360. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
361. fr__k around the yard *v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
362. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
363. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
364. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
365. lab_____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
366. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
367. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
368. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
369. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
370. ca_____g card *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
371. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

ANSWERS: 360. moral, 361. frisk, 362. wealth, 363. topic, 364. array, 365. laboratory, 366. decide, 367. norm, 368. explicit, 369. replace, 370. catalog, 371. inherent

372. so____ty house *n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
373. em____e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
374. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
375. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
376. de____y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
377. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
378. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
379. a nation's right to go____n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 372. sorority, 373. empire, 374. pervasive, 375. creative, 376. deploy, 377. planet, 378. parochial, 379. govern

380. major tr__d *n.* a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord
381. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
382. cause dis_____ate damage *adj.* too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
383. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
384. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
385. con_____or of funds *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
386. an em_____t writer *adj.* famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
387. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
388. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
389. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
390. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
391. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something

ANSWERS: 380. triad, 381. occupy, 382. disproportionate, 383. fortunate, 384. fortunate, 385. contributor, 386. eminent, 387. viral, 388. creep, 389. lifetime, 390. norm, 391. reckon

392. a children's w__d *n.* a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care
393. the sim_____ous release of the album *adj.* happening or being done at the same time
394. dual cit_____ip *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
395. 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
396. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
397. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
398. smile men_____ly *adv.* in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner
399. miracle cu_____ll *n.* a remedy or treatment for all diseases and problems, regardless of their causes or symptoms
400. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
401. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 392. ward, 393. simultaneous, 394. citizenship, 395. pursue, 396. spite, 397. physics, 398. menacingly, 399. cure-all, 400. recognize, 401. wage

402. for in_____ce	<i>n.</i> a particular example or single occurrence of something
403. fun_____al rights	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
404. the to__c of the book	<i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about
405. anthropology lab_____ry	<i>n.</i> a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
406. pr_____ol breach	<i>n.</i> a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
407. hi_____y system	<i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
408. ad___e kids with attitude	<i>v.</i> to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
409. de___y safety measures	<i>v.</i> to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
410. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
411. potential me___e	<i>n.</i> a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
412. pra_____ner of Buddhism	<i>n.</i> a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

ANSWERS: 402. instance, 403. fundamental, 404. topic, 405. laboratory, 406. protocol, 407. highway, 408. admire, 409. deploy, 410. communal, 411. menace, 412. practitioner

413. combat mis_____ion on social media	<i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
414. de_____e respect	<i>v.</i> to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
415. dis_____ate amount	<i>adj.</i> too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
416. o_t out of society	<i>v.</i> to make a choice from a range of possibilities
417. en_____ss the enemy	<i>v.</i> to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
418. di_____e speaking in public	<i>v.</i> to not like someone or something
419. in_____y about the product	<i>n.</i> the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
420. vi_____e stars	<i>adj.</i> capable of being seen; or open to easy view
421. tropical arc_____go	<i>n.</i> a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
422. a scientific di_____ry	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
423. the ins_____ty of the culture	<i>n.</i> the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality

ANSWERS: 413. misinformation, 414. deserve, 415. disproportionate, 416. opt, 417. encompass, 418. dislike, 419. inquiry, 420. visible, 421. archipelago, 422. discovery, 423. insularity

424. the mil_____al reign *adj.* relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y
425. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
426. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
427. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
428. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
429. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
430. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
431. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
432. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 424. millennial, 425. opportune, 426. accelerate, 427. experiment, 428. publicly, 429. profound, 430. inherent, 431. corruption, 432. motivate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

2. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

3. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

4. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

5. The tabloid newspaper exposed the _____ details of the politician's scandalous affair.
adj. involving immoral or unethical actions; dirty or unpleasant; morally corrupt or depraved

6. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

7. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

ANSWERS: 1. champion, 2. deserved, 3. planet, 4. slogans, 5. sordid, 6. elected, 7. publicly

8. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
9. This big gate is _____ to the small hut.
adj. too large or too small when compared with something else, or not deserving its importance or influence
10. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
11. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
12. 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
13. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
14. Topics related to that war may _____ up a political hornets' nest.
v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
15. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
16. I decided to _____ for premature retirement.
v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

ANSWERS: 8. Communal, 9. disproportionate, 10. unfortunate, 11. faith, 12. strike, 13. naive, 14. stir, 15. occupy, 16. opt

17. This business yields little _____.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
18. They _____ events that have already occurred.
- v.* to describe what happened or to narrate a story
19. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
20. They _____ in a beautiful old house in the countryside.
- v.* to live in a particular place, typically for a prolonged period of time
21. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
22. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.
- v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
23. She used the online _____ to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.
- n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
24. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.
- n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

ANSWERS: 17. profit, 18. recount, 19. statistics, 20. reside, 21. largely, 22. navigate, 23. catalog, 24. spite,

25. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

26. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

27. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

28. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

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

29. The three friends formed a tight-knit _____ always supporting and helping each other.

n. a group of three people or things; a group of three musical notes played in one chord

30. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

31. She was a pre-_____ researcher in our lab.

adj. famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position

32. They _____ enormous power and influence.

v. to possess and exercise power, authority, etc

ANSWERS: 25. practitioner, 26. boring, 27. wealth, 28. negotiate, 29. triad, 30. consequences, 31. eminent, 32. wielded

33. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

34. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

35. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

36. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

37. Many people go on a _____ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.

n. the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

38. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

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

39. 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

40. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

ANSWERS: 33. instances, 34. lifetime, 35. creative, 36. random, 37. retreat, 38. engagement, 39. process, 40. vacuum

41. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.
- n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
42. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
43. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
44. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
45. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
46. Fear is _____ infectious, and children catch it from their elders.
- adv.* to an extreme degree
47. The _____ of an atom determines its chemical properties.
- n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
48. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 41. techie, 42. Advocates, 43. moral, 44. depressed, 45. precious, 46. exceedingly, 47. valence, 48. involves

49. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
50. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
51. Young people in this country should _____ military duties.
- v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
52. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
53. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
54. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
55. He _____ from the conversation and walked away.
- v.* to withdraw or separate oneself from a situation or relationship
56. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
- adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
57. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 49. strategy, 50. concentration, 51. undertake, 52. folk, 53. threat, 54. confront, 55. disengaged, 56. viral, 57. volunteer

58. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
59. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
60. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
61. Roads _____ from the famous building in the center of the city.
- v.* to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
62. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
63. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
64. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
- adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
65. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 58. movement, 59. corruption, 60. opportune, 61. radiate, 62. overcome, 63. resistance, 64. illiterate, 65. Climate

66. 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
67. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.
- n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
68. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.
- adj.* in a state of sleep
69. The nonprofit organization's _____ program helps the homeless community by providing necessities.
- n.* an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information
70. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
- adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
71. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.
- n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
72. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 66. discovery, 67. protocol, 68. asleep, 69. outreach, 70. cynical, 71. terrain, 72. recognize

73. He seems to _____ all forms of exercise.
v. to not like someone or something
74. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
75. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
76. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
77. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
78. An _____ in certain substances causes problems with brain function.
n. a situation in which two or more things are not equal or equally treated
79. 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
80. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 73. dislike, 74. influence, 75. nation, 76. responsible, 77. reduction, 78. imbalance, 79. innovation, 80. define

81. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

82. Extensive areas of _____ plants are usually called marsh.

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

83. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

84. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

85. She researched gender _____ in politics.

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

86. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

87. We need to _____ the acidity of this soil before we can grow any crops.

v. to counteract or cancel the effects of something; to make something neutral or harmless

88. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 81. inherent, 82. emergent, 83. imaginary, 84. profound, 85. bias, 86. conflicts, 87. neutralize, 88. corporation

89. He studies Greek and Roman _____.
- n.* a collection of myths (= traditional stories accepted as history) or the study of myths
90. The government agency put out a request for tenders to _____ the maintenance of their facilities.
- v.* to enter into a contract with another party to complete a specific task or project as a part of a larger contract or agreement; to outsource a portion of work to another party
91. We must _____ to this matter.
- v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
92. 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
93. The _____ appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.
- adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
94. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
95. The _____ sisters hosted a fundraiser for their chosen charity.
- n.* a social organization or club for women, often associated with college or university institutions, which focuses on scholarship, sisterhood, and social activities
96. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

ANSWERS: 89. mythology, 90. subcontract, 91. attend, 92. pursue, 93. outward, 94. visible, 95. sorority, 96. norms

97. The patient's skin _____ procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.
- n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
98. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
99. The _____ government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.
- adj.* of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
100. This patient must undergo _____ surgery.
- n.* an alternative road, channel, pipe, or connection that allows flow while the main one is closed or obstructed; (verb) to go past or round
101. The company is trying to _____ its business model to stay competitive.
- v.* to imagine or conceive of something in a new or different way
102. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.
- n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
103. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
- adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

ANSWERS: 97. graft, 98. fundamental, 99. municipal, 100. bypass, 101. reimagine, 102. marketplace, 103. pervasive

104. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.
- n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
105. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.
- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public
106. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
107. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.
- adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
108. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
109. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.
- n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
110. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
111. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
- v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 104. monopoly, 105. utility, 106. headline, 107. alike, 108. inherited, 109. tactics, 110. governing, 111. undermine

112. The _____ frequency of the guitar string was measured with a tuner.
adj. tending to reinforce or prolong sound by sympathetic vibration; having a quality that elicits a similar response or feeling
113. 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
114. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
115. The soothing music was _____ lulling the audience into a peaceful sleep.
adj. causing or inducing sleep; tending to make someone drowsy or lethargic; referring to drugs, medications, or substances with sedative effects
116. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
117. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.
v. to think or believe something
118. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
119. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 112. resonant, 113. invite, 114. ecosystem, 115. soporific, 116. empire, 117. reckons, 118. definition, 119. framework

120. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
121. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
122. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
123. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
124. The island's _____ made it difficult for outsiders to integrate into the community.
- n.* the state of being isolated or separated from others, often due to cultural, geographical, or ideological differences; a narrow or parochial viewpoint or mentality
125. 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
126. The company's blatant disregard for customer service has provoked the _____ of its clients.
- n.* intense or extreme anger or wrath; a strong feeling of displeasure or hostility towards someone or something
127. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
- n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

ANSWERS: 120. frame, 121. narrative, 122. grab, 123. Democracy, 124. insularity, 125. government, 126. ire, 127. voter

128. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

129. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

130. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

131. The company decided to _____ the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.

v. to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

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

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

133. The company is planning to build a 20,000-seat _____ with a retractable roof.

n. a large, flat area, often circular or oval-shaped, designed to showcase theatre, musical performances, or sporting events

134. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.

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

135. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

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

ANSWERS: 128. fortunate, 129. lobby, 130. immigrants, 131. forego, 132. decide, 133. arena, 134. convert, 135. explicit

136. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

137. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

138. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

139. The patient was moved to the intensive care _____ for further treatment.

n. a room in a hospital for patients requiring special care

140. He stared _____ at his opponent before moving into the chess game.

adv. in a way that suggests a threat or danger; in an intimidating or ominous manner

141. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

142. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

143. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 136. evil, 137. misinformation, 138. bureaucracy, 139. ward, 140. menacingly, 141. medium, 142. ignorance, 143. engineer

144. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
145. The _____ for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.
n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
146. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
147. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
148. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
149. The abandoned amusement park was now only a collection of _____ rides.
adj. in a state of disrepair, decay, or disuse, often due to neglect or age; rundown or shabby in appearance or condition
150. I accidentally deleted the file, so can you _____ that action?
v. to reverse the effect of an action or event, typically one that is recent or specific
151. The reckless driver was a _____ to other drivers on the road.
n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

ANSWERS: 144. accelerate, 145. ballot, 146. dominates, 147. encompass, 148. replace, 149. dilapidated, 150. undo, 151. menace

152. The city's _____ area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

153. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

154. The store manager took _____ of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

155. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

156. The service was _____ and the food was quite delicious.

adj. without spaces or breaks between one part and the next

157. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

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

v. to take part in something

ANSWERS: 152. waterfront, 153. blind, 154. inventory, 155. meme, 156. seamless, 157. conversation, 158. participated

159. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

160. His _____ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

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

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

162. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

163. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.

- n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

164. The Philippines is an _____ made up of over 7,000 islands.

- n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

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

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

166. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

ANSWERS: 159. institutionalize, 160. experiments, 161. exciting, 162. diversity, 163. arrangement, 164. archipelago, 165. wages, 166. highway

167. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

168. Some people view meditation as a _____ for stress and anxiety.

- n.* a remedy or treatment for all diseases and problems, regardless of their causes or symptoms

169. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

- v.* to step or walk on something

170. 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

171. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.

- n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

172. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

- adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

173. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

- adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

174. The main discussion topic is government _____.

- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through

ANSWERS: 167. admire, 168. cure-all, 169. treads, 170. engaged, 171. array, 172. extended, 173. scary, 174. transparency

175. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

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

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

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

177. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

178. The _____ translation made it possible for everyone to understand the speaker.

- adj.* happening or being done at the same time

179. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

180. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

- v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

181. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

- adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 175. approve, 176. policy, 177. carbon, 178. simultaneous, 179. dictator, 180. creeps, 181. insidious

182. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
183. She is a major _____ to the local food bank, volunteering every week.
n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
184. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.
n. the status of being a member of a particular country
185. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.
n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
186. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development
adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
187. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply
188. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.
n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
189. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 182. motivate, 183. contributor, 184. citizenship, 185. command, 186. civic, 187. profoundly, 188. boulder, 189. abuse

190. The security guard stopped and _____ the suspicious-looking person at the entrance to the building.
- v.* to search for someone or something in a quick, lively manner, often to discover something hidden or suspicious; to frolic or skip about in a lively or playful manner
191. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
192. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
193. A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the _____.
- n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
194. The government provided a considerable _____ to the company.
- n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
195. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
- adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
196. She had many good _____ and few faults.
- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
197. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

ANSWERS: 190. frisked, 191. relations, 192. parochial, 193. curriculum, 194. subsidy, 195. Emerging, 196. virtues, 197. deployed

198. He studied the _____ of radiation.

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

199. The CEO has enough _____ to change the company's legacy policies.

n. influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact

200. She _____ explained why she was late for the meeting.

adv. in a manner that is believable, reasonable, or credible; in a way that appears to be true or likely based on available evidence or reasoning

201. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

202. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

203. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

204. Earth's ecosystems are greatly affected by _____ changes in climate.

adj. relating to a period of a thousand years or the year 2000; (noun) a person born between the early 1980s and the late 1990s, also called Generation Y

205. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

ANSWERS: 198. physics, 199. clout, 200. plausibly, 201. negative, 202. graduate, 203. fraternity, 204. millennial-scale, 205. laboratory

206. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

207. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

208. The _____ symptoms include excessive daytime sleepiness and sleep paralysis.

n. a chronic sleep disorder characterized by sudden and uncontrollable episodes of falling asleep during the day, often accompanied by cataplexy (loss of muscle control)

209. The boy scout showed us how to tie a _____ that wouldn't come undone.

n. a tight interlacing of something such as rope or thread

210. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

211. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

212. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

213. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 206. inquiry, 207. migrant, 208. narcolepsy, 209. knot, 210. uncomfortable, 211. topic, 212. revolution, 213. fellow

214. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
- v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
215. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
216. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
- n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

ANSWERS: 214. allocated, 215. inequality, 216. compound