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Session 1: Word List

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym : greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

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.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples
The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something

to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

layoffs.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

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**.

immediate

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

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

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

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

retard

v. to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back

synonym: delay, hinder, impede

(1) **retard** progress, (2) **retard** the growth

Excessive alcohol consumption may confuse time, blur vision, dim alertness, and **retard** response.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

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

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

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym: enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

Martian

adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

(1) **Martian** geography, (2) **Martian** surface

There is very little water in the **Martian** atmosphere.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

bullseye

n. the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve

synonym: target, mark, aim

(1) **bullseye** target, (2) miss the **bullseye**

The archer hit the **bullseye** with perfect precision from 50 yards away.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

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

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

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym: perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym: stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

keen

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

synonym: eager, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **keen** interest, (2) **keen** observation

He was **keen** to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

eyesight

n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

synonym: vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

escalate

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

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

battlefield

n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

synonym : warzone, front line, combat area

(1) **battlefield** casualties, (2) tactics on the **battlefield**

The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the **battlefield**.

musket

n. a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle

synonym : rifle, firearm, gun

(1) antique **musket**, (2) civil war **musket**

The **musket** ball was made of lead and could cause serious injuries or even death to those hit by it.

rifle

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

synonym : gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special

skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

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.

artillery

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

synonym: guns, cannons, ordnance

(1) **artillery** fire, (2) coastal **artillery**

The army brought in heavier **artillery** to break through the enemy defenses.

resistant

adj. not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

synonym: unsusceptible, immune, invulnerable

(1) penicillin- **resistant** bacteria, (2) **resistant** to persuasion

Insects in urban areas are becoming **resistant** to insecticides.

deduce

v. to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning

synonym: conclude, infer, suppose

(1) **deduce** facts from the evidence, (2) **deduce** the meaning of a word

The researcher **deduced** the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.

specification

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

synonym : description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

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.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

camel

n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

(1) **camel** hair, (2) ride a **camel**

A **camel** has a hump on its back.

imply

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

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

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

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

unwilling

adj. not ready or wanting to do something

synonym: disinclined, involuntary, reluctant

(1) **unwilling** look, (2) in an **unwilling** voice

They were **unwilling** to take any risks.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

pole

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

synonym: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

hunt

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

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

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.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

diploma

n. a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university

synonym: credential, certificate, degree

(1) university **diploma**, (2) **diploma** thesis

He completed his high school **diploma** via correspondence courses.

tertiary

adj. relating to or being the third in a series, rank, or order; of or relating to third-level education or training

synonym: third-level, third-party, subordinate

(1) **tertiary** education, (2) **tertiary** sector

The university offers both undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as a variety of **tertiary** courses.

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

legislature

n. a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

synonym: government, lawmaking group

(1) colonial **legislature**, (2) a prefectural **legislature**

The people elect **legislature** members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym: district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

employ

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

synonym: hire, engage, use

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

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

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym: improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

sleeve

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

synonym: arm covering, armband

(1) a wide **sleeve**, (2) **sleeve** length

He rolled up his **sleeves** to get ready to work.

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.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

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.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym: home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

merchant

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

synonym: dealer, trader, retailer

(1) **merchant** bank, (2) agricultural **merchant**

This shipping company has several hundred **merchant** ships.

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.

remiss

adj. negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention

synonym: negligent, careless, negligent

(1) **remiss** behavior, (2) **remiss** in his duties

Her **remiss** attitude towards her studies is why she falls behind in class.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

bundle

n. a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things

synonym: package, parcel, bale

(1) **bundle** of papers, (2) travel **bundle**

I tied up the **bundle** of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

asset

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

synonym: aid, resource, equity

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

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

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical
Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

faculty

n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

synonym: capability, talent, aptitude

(1) a member of the **faculty**, (2) the illative **faculty** of the mind

This university's computer science **faculty** is world distinguished.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

philosophy

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

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

debate

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

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

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.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

racial

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

synonym: ethnic, tribal, ethnical

(1) **racial** prejudice, (2) **racial** and ethnic backgrounds

A minor **racial** conflict later led to a civil war.

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.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

inferior

adj. lower in rank, status, or quality

synonym: lower, subordinate, secondary

(1) an **inferior** poet, (2) **inferior** quality

The new employee's work was **inferior** to that of the experienced workers in the team.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

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.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

collateral

n. something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence

synonym : guarantee, security, pledge

(1) **collateral** damage, (2) **collateral** agreement

The loan was secured with **collateral**, requiring the borrower to put up their house as a guarantee.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

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.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym: hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

immovable

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed
easily; unyielding or inflexible

synonym : inflexible, fixed, rigid

(1) **immovable** property, (2) **immovable** facts

The corporation's CEO was an **immovable** force, determined
to keep the company profitable at all costs.

unconscious

adj. in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for
sensory perception, especially as the result of a head
injury or illness

synonym : comatose, paralyzed, senseless

(1) **unconscious** bias, (2) a person who is **unconscious**

I know his **unconscious** habit that he touches his face when
he lies.

Sodom

n. a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God
because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer
as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

(1) **Sodom** and Gomorrah, (2) the city of **Sodom**

The term "**Sodom**" has become synonymous with acts of
homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay
people.

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.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym : culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym : expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

tainted

adj. spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste

synonym : spoiled, contaminated, infected

(1) **tainted** soil, (2) **tainted** reputation

The meat had to be thrown out because it was **tainted** with bacteria.

empirical

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

synonym : observational, experiential, factual

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

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

gathered from extensive research.

entity

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

synonym: body, object, existent

(1) legal **entity**, (2) government **entity**

A company is a distinct legal **entity**.

render

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

synonym: deliver, give, provide

(1) **render** an assessment, (2) **render** the contract void

The jury must **render** a decision on this complex case.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym: electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

raven

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

synonym: crow, blackbird, corvid

(1) **raven** feather, (2) **raven** in flight

The **raven's** distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often

enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym : grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

analogy

n. a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept

synonym : metaphor, comparison, parallel

(1) draw **analogy**, (2) historical **analogy**

Some kinds of machine learning models show an **analogy** to how people learn.

wildcat

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long, slim body, short legs, and a long, bushy tail that is native to North and Central America and Eurasia; a risky or unproven venture

synonym : untamed cat, lynx, reckless

(1) **wildcat** speculation, (2) African **wildcat**

The forest **wildcat** was known for its agility and strength.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

triangle

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

synonym : trilateral, delta, triad

(1) **triangle** shape, (2) love **triangle**

The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right **triangle**.

semicircle

n. half of a circle; a curve or line that represents half of a complete circle

synonym : hemicycle, arc, crescent

(1) **semicircle** shape, (2) **semicircle** perimeter

The playground had a colorful **semicircle** of benches for children to rest and play.

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.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

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

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

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.

dishearten

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

synonym : discourage, dismay, demoralize

(1) **dishearten** employees, (2) **dishearten** the hopeful job

applicant

The team's loss in the semifinals did not **dishearten** their determination to return stronger next season.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

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

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

sophistication

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

synonym: refinement, culture, elegance

(1) cultural **sophistication**, (2) linguistic **sophistication**

The new technology added a level of **sophistication** to the manufacturing process.

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

synonym: uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

occasion

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

synonym : event, time, occurrence

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

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

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

sand

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

synonym : grit, dust, powder

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

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

sink

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

synonym : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater
The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

battleship

n. a large, heavily armed warship that is designed to engage in naval warfare

synonym: warship, navy ship, military vessel

(1) **battleship** gray, (2) an up-to-date **battleship**

The first-class **battleship** was equipped with a powerful cannon.

innocent

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

synonym: blameless, honest, harmless

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

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

vessel

n. a ship or large boat

synonym: boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

munition

n. weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

synonym: armament, weaponry, ordnance

(1) **munitions** factory, (2) military **munitions**

The soldiers had stored their **munitions** in a secure bunker.

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym: armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

lamppost

n. a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps

synonym : streetlight, light post, pole light

(1) **lamppost** light, (2) hit a **lamppost**

The **lamppost** on the corner of the street has been out for a week, making it difficult to see at night.

pessimistic

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

synonym : cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

ordinary

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

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue
The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

lord

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

synonym: master, noble, peer

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

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

reptile

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

synonym: lizard, serpent, snake

(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**

Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.

colonel

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

synonym: officer, military, ranking officer

(1) **colonel** rank, (2) brevet **colonel**

The Army **colonel** led the troops into battle.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
2. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
3. the illative fa_____y of the mind *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
4. ta_____d soil *adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste
5. la_____st light *n.* a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps
6. cultural sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
7. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
8. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
9. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 1. convinced, 2. vulnerable, 3. faculty, 4. tainted, 5. lamppost, 6. sophistication, 7. philosophy, 8. symbol, 9. alternative

10. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
11. im_____le property *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible
12. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
13. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
14. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
15. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
16. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
17. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
18. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

ANSWERS: 10. pole, 11. immovable, 12. bribe, 13. emotion, 14. hypothesis, 15. analyze, 16. moral, 17. reserve, 18. rap

19. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
20. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
21. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
22. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
23. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
24. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
25. in an un_____ng voice *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
26. engineering spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
27. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
28. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 19. dramatically, 20. stick, 21. initially, 22. ordinary, 23. argue, 24. debt, 25. unwilling, 26. specification, 27. enormous, 28. invention

29. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
30. wi_____t speculation *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long, slim body, short legs, and a long, bushy tail that is native to North and Central America and Eurasia; a risky or unproven venture
31. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
32. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
33. university di_____a *n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
34. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
35. in_____or quality *adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality
36. da_____e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 29. psychology, 30. wildcat, 31. sand, 32. introduction, 33. diploma, 34. progressive, 35. inferior, 36. damage

37. s__k a lot of capital
v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
38. re___d the growth
v. to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back
39. impaired ey_____ht
n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
40. tru_____hy ally
adj. reliable and dependable
41. de___e competition
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
42. as oc_____on demands
n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
43. n__m of action
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
44. a dr_____ic rescue at sea
adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
45. vi_____ly all countries
adv. almost completely
46. bat_____ld casualties
n. a place where a battle or conflict is fought

ANSWERS: 37. sink, 38. retard, 39. eyesight, 40. trustworthy, 41. debate, 42. occasion, 43. norm, 44. dramatic, 45. virtually, 46. battlefield

47. brevet co____l *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
48. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
49. 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
50. me_____nt bank *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
51. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
52. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
53. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
54. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
55. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
56. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
57. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

ANSWERS: 47. colonel, 48. illustration, 49. bias, 50. merchant, 51. essentially, 52. consistent, 53. invention, 54. modern, 55. administer, 56. conduct, 57. pole

58. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
59. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
60. tactics on the bat_____ld *n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
61. 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
62. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
63. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
64. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
65. blood ve____ls *n.* a ship or large boat
66. government en____y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
67. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
68. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 58. convinced, 59. flexible, 60. battlefield, 61. graduate, 62. complexity, 63. suffer, 64. primarily, 65. vessel, 66. entity, 67. responsible, 68. philosophy

69. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
70. penicillin-re_____nt bacteria *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
71. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
72. So__m and Gomorrah *n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
73. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
74. re___s in his duties *adj.* negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
75. tr_____le shape *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
76. travel bu___e *n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
77. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 69. empirical, 70. resistant, 71. fleet, 72. Sodom, 73. mortgage, 74. remiss, 75. triangle, 76. bundle, 77. profession

78. ex_____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
79. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
80. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
81. col_____al agreement *n.* something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence
82. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
83. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
84. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
85. mu_____ons factory *n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
86. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
87. take a st____y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
88. re_____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

ANSWERS: 78. exclude, 79. employ, 80. government, 81. collateral, 82. conduct, 83. essentially, 84. empirical, 85. munition, 86. relative, 87. steady, 88. reptile

89. bu__t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
90. ba____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
91. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
92. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
93. re__t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
94. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
95. ride a ca__l *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
96. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
97. k__n observation *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
98. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
99. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
100. ex_____e all other possibilities *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
101. dis_____en employees *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

ANSWERS: 89. bullet, 90. battery, 91. profitable, 92. hunt, 93. reject, 94. perspective, 95. camel, 96. equip, 97. keen, 98. nation, 99. imply, 100. exclude, 101. dishearten

102. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
103. acute ey____ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
104. com____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
105. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
106. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
107. the blue-blooded ari____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
108. coastal ar____ry *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
109. African wi____t *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long, slim body, short legs, and a long, bushy tail that is native to North and Central America and Eurasia; a risky or unproven venture
110. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
111. sop____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 102. bound, 103. eyesight, 104. complexity, 105. guilty, 106. logic, 107. aristocracy, 108. artillery, 109. wildcat, 110. massive, 111. sophisticated

112. re___r an assessment *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
113. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
114. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
115. ill_____ing light *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
116. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
117. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
118. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
119. 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
120. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

ANSWERS: 112. render, 113. verge, 114. universal, 115. illuminating, 116. involve, 117. damage, 118. lord, 119. fellow, 120. dumb

130. pra_____ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
131. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
132. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
133. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
134. an ag__e mind *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
135. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
136. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
137. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
138. bu___e of papers *n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
139. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
140. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
141. antique mu___t *n.* a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle

ANSWERS: 130. practitioner, 131. suffer, 132. cognitive, 133. deserve, 134. agile, 135. massive, 136. grade, 137. suppose, 138. bundle, 139. imply, 140. degree, 141. musket

142. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
143. miss the bu____ye *n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve
144. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
145. bat_____ip gray *n.* a large, heavily armed warship that is designed to engage in naval warfare
146. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
147. ra___l and ethnic backgrounds *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
148. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
149. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
150. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
151. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

ANSWERS: 142. lord, 143. bullseye, 144. progression, 145. battleship, 146. innocent, 147. racial, 148. argue, 149. trend, 150. bubble, 151. ruin

152. legal en___y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
153. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
154. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
155. de___e facts from the evidence *v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
156. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
157. agricultural me_____nt *n.* a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods
158. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
159. ca__l hair *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
160. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
161. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
162. fossil re_____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
163. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

ANSWERS: 152. entity, 153. ruin, 154. specialize, 155. deduce, 156. argument, 157. merchant, 158. rural, 159. camel, 160. employ, 161. propose, 162. reptile, 163. mindset

164. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
165. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
166. di_____a thesis *n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
167. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
168. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
169. take a pes_____ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
170. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
171. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
172. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
173. give his te_____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
174. re_____nt to persuasion *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
175. ra__n in flight *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

ANSWERS: 164. guilty, 165. concrete, 166. diploma, 167. communal, 168. rural, 169. pessimistic, 170. ignore, 171. initially, 172. grandparent, 173. testimony, 174. resistant, 175. raven

176. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
177. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
178. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
179. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
180. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
181. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
182. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
183. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
184. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
185. un_____ng look *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
186. dis_____en the hopeful job applicant *v.* to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize
187. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
188. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

ANSWERS: 176. underneath, 177. inherit, 178. norm, 179. deserve, 180. settle, 181. illustration, 182. absolutely, 183. suppose, 184. normally, 185. unwilling, 186. dishearten, 187. rap, 188. mere

189. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
190. a wide sl___e *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
191. sl___e length *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
192. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
193. ta_____d reputation *adj.* spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste
194. up_____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
195. historical an_____y *n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
196. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
197. blissfully ig_____nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
198. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

ANSWERS: 189. grandparent, 190. sleeve, 191. sleeve, 192. settle, 193. tainted, 194. upgrade, 195. analogy, 196. testimony, 197. ignorant, 198. logic

199. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
200. member of the ari____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
201. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
202. a prefectural leg____re *n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state
203. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
204. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
205. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
206. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
207. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
208. prehistoric arc____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
209. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 199. trace, 200. aristocracy, 201. engage, 202. legislature, 203. grade, 204. communal, 205. baffle, 206. sand, 207. agile, 208. archaeology, 209. bribe

210. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
211. mo_____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
212. te_____ry education *adj.* relating to or being the third in a series, rank, or order; of or relating to third-level education or training
213. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
214. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
215. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
216. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
217. a fl__t horse *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
218. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
219. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
220. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

ANSWERS: 210. unexpected, 211. mortgage, 212. tertiary, 213. vulnerable, 214. dramatic, 215. immediate, 216. occasion, 217. fleet, 218. bound, 219. alternative, 220. specialize

221. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
222. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
223. col_____al damage *n.* something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence
224. re___d progress *v.* to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back
225. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
226. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
227. im_____le facts *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible
228. p__k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
229. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 221. principle, 222. matrix, 223. collateral, 224. retard, 225. cognitive, 226. hypothesis, 227. immovable, 228. peck, 229. innocent

230. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
231. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
232. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
233. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
234. p__k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
235. an up-to-date bat_____ip *n.* a large, heavily armed warship that is designed to engage in naval warfare
236. unc_____us bias *adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
237. civil war mu_____t *n.* a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle
238. bu_____t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
239. a member of the fa_____y *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

ANSWERS: 230. ordinary, 231. sophisticated, 232. battery, 233. government, 234. peck, 235. battleship, 236. unconscious, 237. musket, 238. bullet, 239. faculty

240. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
241. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
242. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
243. st___y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
244. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
245. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
246. sem_____le perimeter *n.* half of a circle; a curve or line that represents half of a complete circle
247. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
248. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
249. functional spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

ANSWERS: 240. trustworthy, 241. engage, 242. concrete, 243. steady, 244. responsible, 245. stick, 246. semicircle, 247. moral, 248. honor, 249. specification

250. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
251. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
252. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
253. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
254. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
255. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
256. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
257. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
258. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
259. re___s behavior *adj.* negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
260. colonial leg_____re *n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state

ANSWERS: 250. attitude, 251. argument, 252. emotion, 253. absolutely, 254. progression, 255. develop, 256. psychology, 257. trend, 258. progressive, 259. remiss, 260. legislature

261. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
262. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
263. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
264. k__n interest *adj.* having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest
265. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
266. re____r the contract void *v.* to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.
267. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
268. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
269. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
270. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
271. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit

ANSWERS: 261. reserve, 262. nation, 263. immediate, 264. keen, 265. technique, 266. render, 267. county, 268. complicated, 269. asset, 270. mindset, 271. profitable

272. en_____us potential	<i>adj.</i> extremely large or great
273. naval ve____ls	<i>n.</i> a ship or large boat
274. to es_____te	<i>v.</i> to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
275. sy____l for happiness	<i>n.</i> something visible that is used to represent something else
276. h__t a job	<i>v.</i> to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
277. ig____e a ban	<i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
278. an in_____or poet	<i>adj.</i> lower in rank, status, or quality
279. draw an_____y	<i>n.</i> a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
280. gr_____te degree program	<i>n.</i> 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
281. hit a la_____st	<i>n.</i> a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps
282. ab_____ct science	<i>adj.</i> based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
283. co_____nt a global warming	<i>v.</i> to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
284. te_____ry sector	<i>adj.</i> relating to or being the third in a series, rank, or order; of or relating to third-level education or training

ANSWERS: 272. enormous, 273. vessel, 274. escalate, 275. symbol, 276. hunt, 277. ignore, 278. inferior, 279. analogy, 280. graduate, 281. lamppost, 282. abstract, 283. confront, 284. tertiary

285. up____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
286. love tr____le *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
287. the ma____x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
288. co____l rank *n.* a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general
289. ra____l prejudice *adj.* of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)
290. bachelor's de____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
291. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
292. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 285. upgrade, 286. triangle, 287. matrix, 288. colonel, 289. racial, 290. degree, 291. verge, 292. develop

293. sem_____le shape *n.* half of a circle; a curve or line that represents half of a complete circle
294. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
295. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
296. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
297. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
298. ig_____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
299. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
300. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
301. linguistic sop_____ion *n.* the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined
302. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
303. re____t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
304. pes_____ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

ANSWERS: 293. semicircle, 294. technique, 295. principle, 296. administer, 297. inherit, 298. ignorant, 299. attitude, 300. debt, 301. sophistication, 302. asset, 303. reject, 304. pessimistic

305. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
306. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
307. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
308. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
309. ra__n feather *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
310. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
311. 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
312. Ma_____n geography *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
313. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
314. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 305. introduction, 306. underneath, 307. universal, 308. normally, 309. raven, 310. honor, 311. fellow, 312. Martian, 313. escalate, 314. involve

315. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
316. Ma_____n surface *adj.* of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants
317. ar_____ry fire *n.* large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces
318. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
319. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
320. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
321. hunting ri___e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
322. b___s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
323. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
324. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
325. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 315. consistent, 316. Martian, 317. artillery, 318. virtually, 319. ancestor, 320. archaeology, 321. rifle, 322. bias, 323. modern, 324. perspective, 325. propose

326. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
327. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
328. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
329. ri__e barrel *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
330. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
331. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
332. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
333. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
334. the city of So__m *n.* a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men
335. an ill_____ing answer *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
336. pra_____ner of Buddhism *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

ANSWERS: 326. mere, 327. dramatically, 328. relative, 329. rifle, 330. confront, 331. trace, 332. sink, 333. abstract, 334. Sodom, 335. illuminating, 336. practitioner

337. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
338. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
339. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
340. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
341. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
342. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
343. bu_____ye target *n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve
344. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 337. complicated, 338. unexpected, 339. profession, 340. dumb, 341. ancestor, 342. bubble, 343. bullseye, 344. analyze

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

2. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

3. His excellent _____ allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

4. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

5. The new technology added a level of _____ to the manufacturing process.

n. the quality or state of having a great deal of worldly experience; the quality or state of being intellectually or culturally refined

6. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

7. Canada _____ on the United States.

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

8. The term " _____ has become synonymous with acts of homosexuality and is used as a derogatory term for gay people.

n. a city that, according to the Bible, was destroyed by God because of the wickedness of its inhabitants; also refer as sodomy, anal intercourse between men

ANSWERS: 1. rural, 2. honor, 3. eyesight, 4. profession, 5. sophistication, 6. attitude, 7. bounds, 8. Sodom"

9. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
10. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.
adv. in a very impressive manner
11. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.
adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
12. Her _____ attitude towards her studies is why she falls behind in class.
adj. negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
13. They were _____ to take any risks.
adj. not ready or wanting to do something
14. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
15. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
16. The university offers both undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as a variety of _____ courses.
adj. relating to or being the third in a series, rank, or order; of or relating to third-level education or training

ANSWERS: 9. confront, 10. dramatically, 11. ignorant, 12. remiss, 13. unwilling, 14. conduct, 15. Essentially, 16. tertiary

17. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

18. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.

adj. reliable and dependable

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

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

20. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

21. She was unduly _____ about her future.

adj. tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

22. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

23. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

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

24. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

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

ANSWERS: 17. excludes, 18. trustworthy, 19. relatives, 20. suppose, 21. pessimistic, 22. matrix, 23. hunt, 24. sand

25. The first-class _____ was equipped with a powerful cannon.
n. a large, heavily armed warship that is designed to engage in naval warfare
26. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
27. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
28. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
29. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
30. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
31. The playground had a colorful _____ of benches for children to rest and play.
n. half of a circle; a curve or line that represents half of a complete circle
32. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 25. battleship, 26. norms, 27. complicated, 28. enormous, 29. settle, 30. asset, 31. semicircle, 32. progressive

33. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

34. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

35. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

36. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.

n. a parent of one's father or mother

37. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

38. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

39. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

40. The wood_____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

41. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

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

ANSWERS: 33. concrete, 34. Virtually, 35. dramatic, 36. grandparents, 37. mere, 38. analyze, 39. modern, 40. pecker, 41. deserved

42. The _____ arrived in port the following day.

n. a ship or large boat

43. The _____ ball was made of lead and could cause serious injuries or even death to those hit by it.

n. a long, smoothbore gun used in warfare from the 16th to 19th centuries, typically fired from the shoulder and loaded through the muzzle

44. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

45. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

46. The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right _____.

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

47. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

48. The forest _____ was known for its agility and strength.

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long, slim body, short legs, and a long, bushy tail that is native to North and Central America and Eurasia; a risky or unproven venture

49. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 42. vessel, 43. musket, 44. Communal, 45. primarily, 46. triangle, 47. normally, 48. wildcat, 49. initially

50. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

51. The Army _____ led the troops into battle.

n. a military rank above a lieutenant colonel and below a general

52. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

53. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

54. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

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

55. I tied up the _____ of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.

n. a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things

56. 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

57. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

ANSWERS: 50. technique, 51. colonel, 52. grade, 53. reserve, 54. immediate, 55. bundle, 56. responsible, 57. rap

58. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

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

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

60. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

- adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

61. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

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

62. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.

- n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

63. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

- adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

64. There is very little water in the _____ atmosphere.

- adj. of or relating to Mars or its imaginary inhabitants

65. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

- adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 58. develop, 59. propose, 60. unexpected, 61. employ, 62. fleet, 63. universal, 64. Martian, 65. sophisticated

66. The project's _____ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.
- n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
67. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
68. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
69. The researcher _____ the momentum of the particles from meteoritic velocities.
- v.* to arrive at an answer, a conclusion, or a decision by reasoning
70. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
71. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
72. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 66. specifications, 67. ignored, 68. invention, 69. deduced, 70. emotions, 71. introduction, 72. sink

73. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
74. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.
- v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
75. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
76. 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
77. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
- adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
78. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
79. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
80. The paradox _____ most philosophers.
- v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
81. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

ANSWERS: 73. trend, 74. upgrade, 75. inherited, 76. engaged, 77. abstract, 78. bullet, 79. absolutely, 80. baffled, 81. administer

82. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

83. She teaches _____ at the local university.

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

84. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

85. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

86. The soldiers had stored their _____ in a secure bunker.

n. weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

87. This shipping company has several hundred _____ ships.

n. a person who buys and sells a large number of goods, especially one who imports and exports goods

88. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

89. 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

90. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

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

ANSWERS: 82. underneath, 83. archaeology, 84. agile, 85. trace, 86. munitions, 87. merchant, 88. philosophy, 89. government, 90. innocent

91. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

92. He was _____ to learn more about the subject and attended every lecture.

adj. having or showing quick and eager intelligence or interest

93. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

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

94. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

95. 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

96. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.

n. a group of persons with high social status

97. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

98. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

ANSWERS: 91. consistent, 92. keen, 93. ordinary, 94. complexity, 95. involves, 96. aristocracy, 97. psychology, 98. flexible

99. The general reviewed the plans for the upcoming battle on the _____.
- n.* a place where a battle or conflict is fought
100. 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
101. He completed his high school _____ via correspondence courses.
- n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
102. The lecture was _____ and gave me a new perspective on the topic.
- adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
103. This university's computer science _____ is world distinguished.
- n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
104. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
105. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
- adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
106. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

ANSWERS: 99. battlefield, 100. fellow, 101. diploma, 102. illuminating, 103. faculty, 104. escalated, 105. guilty, 106. bribe

107. 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

108. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

109. The new employee's work was _____ to that of the experienced workers in the team.

- adj.* lower in rank, status, or quality

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

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

111. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

112. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

113. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

114. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

- n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

ANSWERS: 107. bias, 108. argument, 109. inferior, 110. stick, 111. argue, 112. rejected, 113. ancestor, 114. county's

115. A company is a distinct legal _____.

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

116. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

117. He rolled up his _____ to get ready to work.

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

118. A _____ has a hump on its back.

n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

119. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

120. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.

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

121. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

122. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 115. entity, 116. verge, 117. sleeves, 118. camel, 119. bubble, 120. practitioner, 121. steady, 122. massive

123. The people elect _____ members to represent their interests and make decisions on their behalf.
- n.* a body of elected or appointed representatives who make laws for a country or state
124. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
125. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
126. The archer hit the _____ with perfect precision from 50 yards away.
- n.* the center of a target often used figuratively to mean the exact area or goal one is trying to achieve
127. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
128. Insects in urban areas are becoming _____ to insecticides.
- adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
129. I know his _____ habit that he touches his face when he lies.
- adj.* in the state of lacking awareness and the capacity for sensory perception, especially as the result of a head injury or illness
130. 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

ANSWERS: 123. legislature, 124. battery, 125. logic, 126. bullseye, 127. hypothesis, 128. resistant, 129. unconscious, 130. graduate

131. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

132. He became in _____ after losing his job.

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

133. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

134. The _____ on the corner of the street has been out for a week, making it difficult to see at night.

n. a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps

135. The jury must _____ a decision on this complex case.

v. to bring someone or something into a particular state; to provide something such as service, help, etc.

136. The _____ distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

137. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

138. The corporation's CEO was an _____ force, determined to keep the company profitable at all costs.

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

ANSWERS: 131. moral, 132. debt, 133. degree, 134. lamppost, 135. render, 136. raven's, 137. symbol, 138. immovable

139. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

140. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

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

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

142. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

143. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

144. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

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

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

ANSWERS: 139. cognitive, 140. alternative, 141. principle, 142. ruined, 143. mortgage, 144. damage, 145. Pole

146. A minor _____ conflict later led to a civil war.

adj. of or related to the race (= classification of humans into groups based on physical traits or social relations)

147. 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

148. The team's loss in the semifinals did not _____ their determination to return stronger next season.

v. to cause someone to lose hope, confidence, or enthusiasm; to discourage or demoralize

149. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

150. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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

151. The army brought in heavier _____ to break through the enemy defenses.

n. large-caliber guns used in warfare, typically operated by a crew and mounted on wheels or in a fixed position; any military weapons, equipment, or vehicles that are operated by a special branch or unit of the armed forces

152. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

153. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

ANSWERS: 146. racial, 147. nation, 148. dishearten, 149. progression, 150. suffers, 151. artillery, 152. testimony, 153. dumb

154. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

155. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

156. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

157. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

158. Excessive alcohol consumption may confuse time, blur vision, dim alertness, and _____ response.

v. to hinder, delay, or slow down the progress or development of something; to cause someone or something to be delayed or held back

159. The meat had to be thrown out because it was _____ with bacteria.

adj. spoiled or contaminated, usually with something harmful; damaged in quality or taste

160. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

161. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

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

ANSWERS: 154. profitable, 155. equipped, 156. reptile, 157. convinced, 158. retard, 159. tainted, 160. vulnerable, 161. occasion

162. Some kinds of machine learning models show an _____ to how people learn.
- n.* a comparison between similar things that have similar aspects, often used to help explain a principle or concept
163. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
- n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
164. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
- v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
165. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
166. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
167. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.
- v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
168. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.
- adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
169. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 162. analogy, 163. illustration, 164. imply, 165. mindset, 166. debate, 167. specialize, 168. empirical, 169. perspective

170. The police discovered a _____ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

- n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

171. The loan was secured with _____ requiring the borrower to put up their house as a guarantee.

- n.* something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence

172. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

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

ANSWERS: 170. rifle, 171. collateral, 172. lord