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Session 1: Word List

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

guidance

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

synonym: advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

robbery

n. the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing

synonym: theft, larceny, burglary

(1) armed **robbery**, (2) petty **robbery**

The convenience store was the scene of a **robbery** last night.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

folk

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

synonym: community, family, person

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

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

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

recurrent

adj. occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning

synonym: continual, repeated, frequent

(1) **recurrent** problem, (2) **recurrent** miscarriage

The patient has been experiencing **recurrent** headaches for weeks.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym: amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be

taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

epidemic

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

synonym : outbreak, contagion, plague

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

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

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

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

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

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**.

defraud

v. to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain

synonym: cheat, swindle, deceive

(1) **defraud** the investors, (2) **defraud** the government

The accused was charged with attempting to **defraud** his elderly neighbor out of her life savings.

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym: strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym: poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym: proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

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.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthest, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

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.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym : insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

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.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

profit

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

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

incredibly

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

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

wealth

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

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

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.

executive

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

synonym : administrator, manager, director

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

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

compensation

n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury

synonym: reparation, allowance, reward

(1) unemployment **compensation**, (2) other forms of **compensation**

He claimed **compensation** for the injury.

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.

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

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

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

bail

n. the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court

(1) accept **bail**, (2) he was released on **bail**

The judge set **bail** at \$20,000.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

autopsy

n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

synonym: postmortem examination, necropsy, examination

(1) forensic **autopsy**, (2) perform an **autopsy**

The **autopsy** report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

debacle

n. a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess

synonym: disaster, fiasco, catastrophe

(1) the **debacle** in the stock market, (2) political **debacle**

The project turned into a complete **debacle** due to poor planning and management.

characteristic

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

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

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

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

coroner

n. an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances

synonym: medical examiner, forensic pathologist, death investigator

(1) assistant **coroner**, (2) county **coroner**

The **coroner's** office is responsible for identifying victims of disasters.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

sector

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

synonym: division, department, branch

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

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

originate

v. to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place

synonym : begin, arise, create

(1) **originate** from the country, (2) **originate** a political movement

The flight **originates** in Vancouver.

appraisal

n. an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

synonym : assessment, evaluation, judgment

(1) performance **appraisal**, (2) real estate **appraisal**

She received a positive **appraisal** from her boss for her outstanding performance at work.

warn

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

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

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

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

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

ambiguous

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

synonym : unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym : blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

pledge

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym : promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

appraise

v. to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

synonym : evaluate, assess, judge

(1) **appraise** his property, (2) **appraise** the situation

The real estate agent will **appraise** the value of your property before listing it.

beg

v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help

She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.

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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

blacklist

n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

synonym : ban, exclusion, proscription

(1) banking **blacklist**, (2) personal **blacklist**

The software uses a robust **blacklist** to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things

synonym : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

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.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym : study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

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.

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.

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.

jurisdiction

n. the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised

synonym : power, authority, control

(1) local **jurisdiction**, (2) limited **jurisdiction**

The case fell under the **jurisdiction** of the state court system.

voluntary

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

synonym: voluntary, self-willed, spontaneous

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation

The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

charter

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym: constitution, agreement, pact

(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations

The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym: bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

convert

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

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

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.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

synonym : intentionally, knowingly, willfully

(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime

deliberately

He **deliberately** misleads others.

predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

synonym : foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

reaction

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

synonym : response, reply, answer

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

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

prosecutor

n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

synonym : district attorney, state attorney

(1) a public **prosecutor**, (2) deputy **prosecutor**

The **prosecutor's** opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

hyperinflation

n. a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy

(1) the risk of **hyperinflation**, (2) fear of **hyperinflation**

The central bank has accelerated rate hikes to thwart **hyperinflation**.

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.

subprime

adj. of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default

(1) **subprime** lending, (2) **subprime** market

The **subprime** mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym : shared, common, joint

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

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym : blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym : request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

incidence

n. the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant

synonym : occurrence, frequency, prevalence

(1) **incidence** rate, (2) high **incidence** of disease

The **incidence** of crime has decreased in the neighborhood since the new security measures were put in place.

subtlety

n. the quality of being subtle

synonym : nuance, refinement, niceness

(1) psychological **subtlety**, (2) with great **subtlety**

She examines the document with remarkable **subtlety**.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym : facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

explicit

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

synonym : clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

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

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

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

coercion

n. the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

synonym : pressure, force, compulsion

(1) **coercion** through force, (2) physical **coercion**

The government used **coercion** to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

endemic

adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area

synonym : prevalent, widespread, native

(1) **endemic** disease, (2) cholera- **endemic** area

Malaria is **endemic** in many tropical countries.

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**.

Congress

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

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

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

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

strike

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

synonym : hit, impact, influence

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

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

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

ownership

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

synonym : possession, title, proprietorship

(1) property **ownership**, (2) share **ownership**

The company's **ownership** has changed hands several times in the past few years.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

statutory

adj. relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation

synonym : legal, lawful, official

(1) **statutory** entitlements, (2) **statutory** regulation

It is important to adhere to **statutory** requirements when starting a new business.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

fraudulent

adj. involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading

synonym : dishonest, deceitful, fallacious

(1) **fraudulent** activity, (2) **fraudulent** alteration of data
The company was involved in a **fraudulent** scheme to scam customers out of money.

exorcism

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

synonym: purification, cleansing, dispossession

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

The priest performed an **exorcism** to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

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.

disaster

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

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym : skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

statute

n. a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down

synonym : rule, law, decree

(1) **statute** of frauds, (2) the **statute** book

The government asserted four claims based on three federal **statutes**.

dogma

n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

synonym : doctrine, tenet, creed

(1) religious **dogma**, (2) the secret **dogma**

All members strictly followed the **dogma** of the organization.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

lax

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

synonym: loose, slack, relaxed

(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude

The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

felony

n. a serious crime that carries a punishment of more than one year in prison, typically involving violence or other severe actions

synonym: crime, wrongdoing, offense

(1) **felony** conviction, (2) **felony** charge

Committing a **felony** can result in severe consequences, such as imprisonment or fines.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

synonym: belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

understate

v. to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense

synonym: downplay, underemphasize, minimize

(1) **understate** the cost, (2) deliberately **understate**

He tends to **understate** his abilities and needs to give himself more credit.

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.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym : strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

nationwide

adj. extending throughout an entire nation

synonym : countrywide, national

(1) **nationwide** strike, (2) **nationwide** network

This is a **nationwide** campaign to recruit women into trade unions.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

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.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

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

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym: charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

synonym: band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

mechanism

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

synonym : means, method, system

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

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

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

thrifty

adj. careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money

synonym : economical, frugal, prudent

(1) a **thrifty** person, (2) have a **thrifty** business

My wife is addicted to making **thrifty** purchases.

supervision

n. the act or process of overseeing or directing the work or performance of others

synonym : oversight, management, direction

(1) under **supervision**, (2) **supervision** by the police

She was put in charge of the project and had full **supervision** over the team.

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?

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

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.

corporation

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

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

investigate

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

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

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

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

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.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

prosecution

n. the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

synonym : trial, lawsuit, legal action

(1) criminal **prosecution**, (2) wrongful **prosecution**

The judge denied the motion to dismiss the **prosecution's** case.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym : alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

con *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
synonym: oppose, objection, deception
(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**
The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

definition *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
synonym: description, connotation, meaning
(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word
Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

victim *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
synonym: prey, target, sufferer
(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation
The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

hook *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
synonym: buckle, pin, curve
(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**
Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

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.

rod

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

synonym: stick, wand, staff

(1) **rod** cell, (2) curtain **rod**

He used a fishing **rod** to catch the biggest fish of the day.

reel

n. a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound

synonym: spool, bobbin, winder

(1) cable **reel**, (2) a six- **reel** film

He put the fishing line on the **reel** and cast his line into the water.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym: virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

conceive

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

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

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

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

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

hairstylist

n. a person who cuts and styles hair for a living

synonym: stylist, coiffeur, beauty professional

(1) personal **hairstylist**, (2) get a haircut at a **hairstylist**

The world-famous **hairstylist** transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.

pitiful

adj. making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor

synonym: miserable, contemptible, sorry

(1) a **pitiful** fate, (2) cast **pitiful** eyes

We heard their **pitiful** laments throughout the night.

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.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to

blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

campsite

n. a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

synonym: campground, camping area, outdoor site

(1) **campsite** location, (2) scenic **campsite**

The firewood at the **campsite** was wet and made it hard to start a fire.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym: pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

perverse

adj. showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

synonym: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude

His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

tick

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

synonym : sound, noise, beat

(1) **tick** of the clock, (2) **tick** fever

I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

suborn

v. to induce or persuade someone to commit an unlawful or wrongful act, typically through bribery or deception; to bribe or incite someone to give false testimony or commit perjury

synonym: bribe, corrupt, induce

(1) **suborn** a police officer, (2) **suborn** perjury

The corrupt politician was accused of trying to **suborn** the witness to change their testimony.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym: morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

marketplace

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

synonym: bazaar, mart, emporium

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

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

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

deregulation

n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

synonym : liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym : actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

decriminalize

v. to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

synonym : legalize, decriminalization, depenalize

(1) **decriminalize** abortion, (2) **decriminalize** public drunkenness

Many activists are pushing for laws to **decriminalize** marijuana use.

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.

severe

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

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

inequality

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

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

crony

n. a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities

synonym : buddy, pal, friend

(1) a **crony** of the governor, (2) business **crony**

The politician's close **crony** was given a high-ranking job in the administration.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym : commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and

thus promotes innovation.

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym: contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**
His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

ammunition

n. supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
synonym: bullets, cartridges, shells

(1) **ammunition** storage, (2) **ammunition** depot

The soldiers were equipped with ample **ammunition** for the battle.

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

Session 2: Spelling

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v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
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n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
8. forensic au____y
n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

ANSWERS: 1. prosecution, 2. victim, 3. reel, 4. competent, 5. chase, 6. ban, 7. nation, 8. autopsy

9. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
10. 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
11. 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
12. a pi____l fate *adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
13. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
14. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
15. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
16. cognitive com____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
17. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
18. vice-pr____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. insure, 10. bubble, 11. sink, 12. pitiful, 13. hint, 14. shrink, 15. fraud, 16. complexity, 17. involve, 18. president

19. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
20. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
21. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
22. st_____ry regulation *adj.* relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation
23. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
24. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
25. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
26. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
27. l_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
28. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
29. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

ANSWERS: 19. trillion, 20. fraud, 21. mass, 22. statutory, 23. recipe, 24. guarantee, 25. sin, 26. refer, 27. lax, 28. toxic, 29. federal

30. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
31. 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
32. armed ro_____y *n.* the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing
33. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
34. mu____l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
35. the Ch_____r of the United Nations *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
36. nat_____de network *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
37. der_____ion of the economy *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
38. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
39. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 30. reaction, 31. reserve, 32. robbery, 33. incredibly, 34. mutual, 35. charter, 36. nationwide, 37. deregulation, 38. wealth, 39. inequality

40. fi_____e act
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
41. private eq____y firm
- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
42. mat_____cs competition
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
43. a letter of inv_____on
- n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
44. cu_____cy exchange
- n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
45. estimate pr_____e costs
- adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
46. vi_____ly all countries
- adv.* almost completely
47. st____e a blow
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
48. a leg_____or appointed by the party
- n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
49. 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

ANSWERS: 40. finance, 41. equity, 42. mathematics, 43. invitation, 44. currency, 45. precise, 46. virtually, 47. strike, 48. legislator, 49. mortgage

50. amm_____on depot *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
51. incumbent leg_____or *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
52. unemployment com_____ion *n.* something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
53. del_____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
54. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
55. demonic ex_____sm *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
56. ap_____se the situation *v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
57. in_____ce rate *n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant
58. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
59. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 50. ammunition, 51. legislator, 52. compensation, 53. deliberately, 54. destruction, 55. exorcism, 56. appraise, 57. incidence, 58. capitalism, 59. industrious

60. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
61. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
62. legal en____y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
63. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
64. ex____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
65. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
66. government en____y *n.* something that exists independently and has its own identity
67. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
68. the me____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
69. cr____y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
70. a public cor____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 60. criminal, 61. economy, 62. entity, 63. roam, 64. exclusive, 65. extreme, 66. entity, 67. encourage, 68. mechanism, 69. crappy, 70. corporation

71. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
72. health ep____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
73. ex___c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
74. co___r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
75. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
76. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
77. fear of hyp_____ion *n.* a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy
78. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
79. a th_____y person *adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money
80. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 71. debt, 72. epidemic, 73. exotic, 74. collar, 75. roughly, 76. virtually, 77. hyperinflation, 78. ingredient, 79. thrifty, 80. investigate

81. a de fa__o government *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
82. scenic ca_____te *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
83. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
84. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
85. personal bl_____st *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
86. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
87. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
88. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
89. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
90. co___r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

ANSWERS: 81. facto, 82. campsite, 83. immediately, 84. supposedly, 85. blacklist, 86. absolutely, 87. disaster, 88. expand, 89. definition, 90. collar

91. ex_____sm ceremony *n.* the act of forcibly driving out an evil spirit or demon from a person or place, typically through a ritualistic ceremony or prayer
92. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
93. or_____te a political movement *v.* to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place
94. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
95. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
96. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
97. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
98. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
99. pe_____se attitude *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
100. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
101. st_____ry entitlements *adj.* relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation

ANSWERS: 91. exorcism, 92. definition, 93. originate, 94. partnership, 95. bomb, 96. suppose, 97. marketplace, 98. midst, 99. perverse, 100. dramatically, 101. statutory

102. throughout the co___y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
103. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
104. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
105. 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
106. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
107. in_____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
108. business cr___y *n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities
109. ap_____se his property *v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
110. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
111. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things

ANSWERS: 102. county, 103. catastrophic, 104. intelligent, 105. mortgage, 106. strike, 107. inflate, 108. crony, 109. appraise, 110. suffer, 111. midst

112. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
113. 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
114. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
115. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
116. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
117. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
118. su____n a police officer *v.* to induce or persuade someone to commit an unlawful or wrongful act, typically through bribery or deception; to bribe or incite someone to give false testimony or commit perjury
119. pri_____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
120. moral con_____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed

ANSWERS: 112. combination, 113. reserve, 114. roam, 115. advantage, 116. strategy, 117. epidemic, 118. suborn, 119. prioritize, 120. conviction

121. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
122. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
123. vocational gu_____ce *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
124. banking bl_____st *n.* a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities
125. aviation der_____ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
126. pr_____e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
127. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
128. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
129. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
130. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 121. crisis, 122. remarkable, 123. guidance, 124. blacklist, 125. deregulation, 126. predate, 127. norm, 128. precise, 129. adopt, 130. disaster

131. an ab____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
132. ex post fa__o approval *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
133. ex____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
134. defense me____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
135. re____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
136. de____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
137. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
138. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 131. absolute, 132. facto, 133. executive, 134. mechanism, 135. reinvent, 136. deposit, 137. hook, 138. bomb

139. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
140. sy____ic reforms of the organization *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
141. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
142. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
143. inv_____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
144. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
145. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
146. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
147. l_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
148. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
149. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
150. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 139. rid, 140. systemic, 141. rid, 142. advantage, 143. invitation, 144. conceive, 145. explicit, 146. modern, 147. lax, 148. crazy, 149. convert, 150. contribution

151. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
152. the de_____e in the stock market *n.* a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess
153. gross pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
154. a ch_____r flight *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
155. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
156. 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
157. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
158. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
159. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
160. local jur_____ion *n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised

ANSWERS: 151. dynamic, 152. debacle, 153. profit, 154. charter, 155. structure, 156. sophistication, 157. currency, 158. elite, 159. crazy, 160. jurisdiction

161. vo_____ry participation *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
162. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
163. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
164. et___s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
165. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
166. dec_____ize public drunkenness *v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
167. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
168. 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
169. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 161. voluntary, 162. dramatically, 163. complexity, 164. ethics, 165. reform, 166. decriminalize, 167. investigate, 168. bubble, 169. survey

170. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
171. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
172. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
173. t__k of the clock *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
174. act of au_____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
175. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
176. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
177. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
178. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
179. high in_____ce of disease *n.* the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 170. government, 171. intelligent, 172. yield, 173. tick, 174. audacity, 175. opposed, 176. flash, 177. association, 178. congress, 179. incidence

180. en____c disease *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
181. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
182. ho____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
183. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
184. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
185. ex____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
186. de____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
187. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
188. an unnamed do__r *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
189. pl____e my fidelity *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something

ANSWERS: 180. endemic, 181. hint, 182. horrific, 183. lever, 184. typical, 185. explicit, 186. degrade, 187. folk, 188. donor, 189. pledge

190. gu_____ce counselor *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
191. commit a crime del_____ely *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
192. nat_____de strike *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
193. ex_____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
194. 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
195. en_____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
196. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
197. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
198. cast pi_____l eyes *adj.* making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
199. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
200. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

ANSWERS: 190. guidance, 191. deliberately, 192. nationwide, 193. examine, 194. degree, 195. engage, 196. incentive, 197. industrious, 198. pitiful, 199. rank, 200. odd

201. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
202. re_____nt problem *adj.* occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning
203. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
204. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
205. und_____te the cost *v.* to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense
206. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
207. fe___y conviction *n.* a serious crime that carries a punishment of more than one year in prison, typically involving violence or other severe actions
208. a cr__y of the governor *n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities

ANSWERS: 201. hook, 202. recurrent, 203. virgin, 204. county, 205. understate, 206. process, 207. felony, 208. crony

209. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
210. religious do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
211. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
212. 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
213. 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
214. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
215. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
216. per____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
217. cholera-en____c area *adj.* (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
218. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 209. typical, 210. dogma, 211. profit, 212. degree, 213. sink, 214. folk, 215. government, 216. perpetrator, 217. endemic, 218. reform

219. he was released on b__l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
220. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
221. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
222. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
223. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
224. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
225. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
226. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
227. deputy pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
228. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
229. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 219. bail, 220. ambiguous, 221. debt, 222. reinvent, 223. trillion, 224. entirely, 225. incredibly, 226. kingdom, 227. prosecutor, 228. roughly, 229. democracy

230. for tr____l reasons	<i>adj.</i> of little value or importance
231. county co____r	<i>n.</i> an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances
232. a leg____te child	<i>adj.</i> accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
233. p__e a challenge	<i>v.</i> to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
234. get a haircut at a hai____er	<i>n.</i> a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
235. a m__s of molten rock	<i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
236. en____ge antisocial behavior	<i>v.</i> to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
237. su____r a setback	<i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
238. par____ip across the Atlantic	<i>n.</i> the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
239. de____t money	<i>n.</i> a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 230. trivial, 231. coroner, 232. legitimate, 233. pose, 234. hairdresser, 235. mass, 236. encourage, 237. suffer, 238. partnership, 239. deposit

240. political et___s *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
241. 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
242. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
243. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
244. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
245. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
246. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
247. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
248. have a th_____y business *adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money
249. amm_____on storage *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces

ANSWERS: 240. ethics, 241. sophistication, 242. institutionalize, 243. toxic, 244. executive, 245. characteristic, 246. legitimate, 247. remarkable, 248. thrifty, 249. ammunition

250. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
251. limited jur_____ion *n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
252. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
253. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
254. the risk of hyp_____ion *n.* a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy
255. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
256. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
257. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
258. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 250. obvious, 251. jurisdiction, 252. kingdom, 253. norm, 254. hyperinflation, 255. chef, 256. prosecute, 257. conviction, 258. president

259. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
260. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
261. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
262. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
263. global mar_____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
264. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
265. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
266. criminal pro_____on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
267. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
268. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 259. victim, 260. fashion, 261. discovery, 262. refuse, 263. marketplace, 264. progression, 265. odd, 266. prosecution, 267. obvious, 268. involve

269. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
270. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
271. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
272. or_____te from the country *v.* to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place
273. private se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
274. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
275. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
276. petty ro_____y *n.* the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing
277. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
278. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

ANSWERS: 269. scheme, 270. yield, 271. sin, 272. originate, 273. sector, 274. characteristic, 275. severe, 276. robbery, 277. critic, 278. employ

279. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
280. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
281. w___n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
282. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
283. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
284. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
285. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
286. sup_____on by the police *n.* the act or process of overseeing or directing the work or performance of others
287. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
288. with great su_____ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
289. curtain r_d *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

ANSWERS: 279. shrink, 280. structure, 281. warn, 282. examine, 283. educate, 284. suppose, 285. audacity, 286. supervision, 287. destroy, 288. subtlety, 289. rod

290. in_____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
291. de_____d the investors *v.* to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain
292. assistant co_____r *n.* an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances
293. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
294. cr_____y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
295. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
296. em_____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
297. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
298. fe_____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
299. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 290. intensify, 291. defraud, 292. coroner, 293. extreme, 294. crappy, 295. democracy, 296. employ, 297. massive, 298. federal, 299. inequality

300. ca____te location *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
301. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
302. under sup_____on *n.* the act or process of overseeing or directing the work or performance of others
303. the pros and c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
304. the secret do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
305. accept b__l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
306. ho____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
307. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
308. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 300. campsite, 301. beg, 302. supervision, 303. con, 304. dogma, 305. bail, 306. horrific, 307. crisis, 308. critic

309. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
310. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
311. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
312. other forms of com_____ion *n.* something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury
313. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
314. master c__f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
315. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
316. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
317. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
318. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
319. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 309. ingredient, 310. absolute, 311. supposedly, 312. compensation, 313. immediately, 314. chef, 315. absolutely, 316. largely, 317. chase, 318. strategy, 319. capitalism

320. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
321. performance ap_____al *n.* an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
322. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
323. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
324. psychological su_____ty *n.* the quality of being subtle
325. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
326. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
327. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
328. perform an au_____y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

ANSWERS: 320. refer, 321. appraisal, 322. discovery, 323. criminal, 324. subtlety, 325. ban, 326. contribution, 327. competition, 328. autopsy

329. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
330. co_____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
331. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
332. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
333. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
334. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
335. telemarketing c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
336. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
337. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 329. expand, 330. competent, 331. massive, 332. insane, 333. flash, 334. donor, 335. con, 336. exotic, 337. finance

338. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
339. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
340. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
341. fra_____nt activity *adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading
342. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
343. physical co_____on *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
344. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
345. in_____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
346. personal hai_____er *n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
347. co_____on through force *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

ANSWERS: 338. inevitable, 339. refuse, 340. largely, 341. fraudulent, 342. pose, 343. coercion, 344. economy, 345. inflate, 346. hairdresser, 347. coercion

348. co____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
349. vi____n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
350. the sy____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
351. ex____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
352. su____n perjury *v.* to induce or persuade someone to commit an unlawful or wrongful act, typically through bribery or deception; to bribe or incite someone to give false testimony or commit perjury
353. re____e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
354. the st____e book *n.* a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down
355. dy____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
356. in____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
357. real estate ap____al *n.* an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

ANSWERS: 348. conceive, 349. virgin, 350. systemic, 351. exclusive, 352. suborn, 353. recipe, 354. statute, 355. dynamic, 356. insure, 357. appraisal

358. st_____e of frauds *n.* a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down
359. re_____nt miscarriage *adj.* occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning
360. pl____e military assistance *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
361. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
362. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
363. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
364. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
365. en____e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
366. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
367. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
368. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
369. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 358. statute, 359. recurrent, 360. pledge, 361. statistics, 362. guarantee, 363. fashion, 364. beg, 365. engage, 366. destruction, 367. progression, 368. institutionalize, 369. survey

370. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
371. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
372. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
373. property ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
374. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
375. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
376. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
377. su_____me market *adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
378. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

ANSWERS: 370. combination, 371. corporation, 372. entirely, 373. ownership, 374. adopt, 375. destroy, 376. statistics, 377. subprime, 378. convert

379. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
380. a pilot sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
381. deliberately und_____te *v.* to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense
382. pri_____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
383. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
384. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
385. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
386. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
387. de_____d the government *v.* to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain

ANSWERS: 379. elite, 380. scheme, 381. understate, 382. prioritize, 383. process, 384. modern, 385. catastrophic, 386. reaction, 387. defraud

388. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
389. pr_____e the modern age *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
390. a tr_____l man *adj.* of little value or importance
391. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
392. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
393. fe___y charge *n.* a serious crime that carries a punishment of more than one year in prison, typically involving violence or other severe actions
394. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
395. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
396. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
397. pe_____se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
398. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

ANSWERS: 388. insane, 389. predate, 390. trivial, 391. warn, 392. educate, 393. felony, 394. severe, 395. equity, 396. sector, 397. perverse, 398. association

399. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
400. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
401. clarify am_____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
402. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
403. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
404. su_____me lending *adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
405. r_d cell *n.* a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment
406. share ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
407. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 399. mathematics, 400. wealth, 401. ambiguous, 402. perpetrator, 403. incentive, 404. subprime, 405. rod, 406. ownership, 407. nation

408. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
409. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
410. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
411. vo_____ry action *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
412. t__k fever *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
413. dec_____ize abortion *v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law
414. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
415. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
416. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
417. fra_____nt alteration of data *adj.* involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading

ANSWERS: 408. inevitable, 409. lever, 410. intensify, 411. voluntary, 412. tick, 413. decriminalize, 414. rank, 415. competition, 416. mutual, 417. fraudulent

418. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
419. political de_____e *n.* a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess
420. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
421. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
422. a public pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
423. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
424. cable r___l *n.* a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound

ANSWERS: 418. opposed, 419. debacle, 420. prosecute, 421. congress, 422. prosecutor, 423. degrade, 424. reel

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
2. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
3. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
4. Malaria is _____ in many tropical countries.
adj. (of a disease or other problem) regularly found among particular people or in a certain area
5. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
6. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.
n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
7. The government asserted four claims based on three federal _____.
n. a law that is passed by a parliament, council, etc. and formally written down
8. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

ANSWERS: 1. reaction, 2. structure, 3. combination, 4. endemic, 5. incredibly, 6. ethics, 7. statutes, 8. elites

9. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
10. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
11. The case fell under the _____ of the state court system.
- n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
12. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
13. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
14. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
15. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
- v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
16. She received a positive _____ from her boss for her outstanding performance at work.
- n.* an evaluation or assessment of the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

ANSWERS: 9. advantages, 10. roughly, 11. jurisdiction, 12. partnership, 13. lever, 14. Congress, 15. begged, 16. appraisal

17. His body rejected the liver of the _____.
- n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
18. The central bank has accelerated rate hikes to thwart _____.
- n.* a condition where the price of everything in a national economy rises very quickly, causing damage to an economy
19. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
20. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
21. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
22. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
23. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 17. donor, 18. hyperinflation, 19. examine, 20. crisis, 21. degrade, 22. inequality, 23. discovery

24. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.
- n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
25. The idea of virtual worlds _____ computers.
- v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
26. The government's _____ of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.
- n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
27. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
28. He _____ misleads others.
- adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
29. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
30. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
- adj.* very great in amount or degree
31. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
- adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
32. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 24. fraud, 25. predates, 26. deregulation, 27. definition, 28. deliberately, 29. refer, 30. extreme, 31. modern, 32. prioritized

33. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
- n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
34. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
35. The _____ mortgage crisis of 2008 led to a global economic downturn.
- adj.* of or relating to financial loans, particularly mortgages, which are made to individuals with poor credit histories or limited income, often associated with higher interest rates and a greater risk of default
36. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.
- n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
37. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
38. The _____ opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.
- n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
39. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

ANSWERS: 33. epidemic, 34. severe, 35. subprime, 36. chef, 37. encouraged, 38. prosecutor's, 39. guarantee

40. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
41. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.
adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
42. The mentor provided _____ to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.
n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
43. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
44. 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
45. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.
n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
46. Corporate executives and _____ are still overwhelmingly men.
n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

ANSWERS: 40. flash, 41. systemic, 42. guidance, 43. executive, 44. reserve, 45. deposit, 46. legislators

47. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.
n. the middle part of people or things
48. The corrupt politician was accused of trying to _____ the witness to change their testimony.
v. to induce or persuade someone to commit an unlawful or wrongful act, typically through bribery or deception; to bribe or incite someone to give false testimony or commit perjury
49. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
50. The patient has been experiencing _____ headaches for weeks.
adj. occurring again, repeatedly, or frequently; returning
51. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
52. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.
n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
53. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.
adj. of little value or importance
54. The _____ office is responsible for identifying victims of disasters.
n. an official responsible for investigating deaths, particularly those that occur suddenly, unexpectedly, or under unusual or suspicious circumstances

ANSWERS: 47. midst, 48. suborn, 49. rank, 50. recurrent, 51. norms, 52. conviction, 53. trivial, 54. coroner's

55. 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

56. The judge set _____ at \$20,000.

- n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court

57. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.

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

58. The convenience store was the scene of a _____ last night.

- n.* the taking of property or money from a person, business, or institution by force, threat, or intimidation; a crime that involves theft or stealing

59. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.

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

60. 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

61. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

62. His _____ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

- adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

ANSWERS: 55. debt, 56. bail, 57. convert, 58. robbery, 59. investigated, 60. government, 61. destruction, 62. perverse

63. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
64. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
65. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
66. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
67. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
68. The _____ of crime has decreased in the neighborhood since the new security measures were put in place.
n. the frequency or rate at which a particular event or condition occurs within a specific population, group, or area; the occurrence or manifestation of something, especially something harmful or unpleasant
69. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
70. The program is _____ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.
adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

ANSWERS: 63. mass, 64. roam, 65. insure, 66. absolutely, 67. competition, 68. incidence, 69. entirely, 70. voluntary,

71. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

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

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

73. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

74. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

75. 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

76. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

77. A company is a distinct legal _____.

n. something that exists independently and has its own identity

78. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

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

79. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

ANSWERS: 71. mutual, 72. employ, 73. pose, 74. strategy, 75. bubble, 76. refuse, 77. entity, 78. sector, 79. strike

80. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

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

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

82. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

83. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

84. The real estate agent will _____ the value of your property before listing it.

v. to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

85. The company was involved in a _____ scheme to scam customers out of money.

adj. involving deception or dishonesty; intended to deceive or defraud; false or misleading

86. 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

ANSWERS: 80. crappy, 81. institutionalize, 82. educate, 83. president, 84. appraise, 85. fraudulent, 86. sophistication

87. The new software has become the de _____ tool for professionals in the field.
adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
88. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
89. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company
90. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
91. There was no _____ of a problem.
n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
92. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
93. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
94. We heard their _____ laments throughout the night.
adj. making people feel sorrow or sympathy; very small or poor
95. The _____ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.
n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

ANSWERS: 87. facto, 88. reform, 89. equity, 90. statistics, 91. hint, 92. kingdom, 93. trillion, 94. pitiful, 95. con

96. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
97. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
98. He tends to _____ his abilities and needs to give himself more credit.
v. to represent something as less important or significant than it is; to downplay or make something seem less dramatic or intense
99. The ___ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.
adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
100. 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
101. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
102. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
103. I always put a _____ mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.
n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

ANSWERS: 96. industrious, 97. suppose, 98. understate, 99. lax, 100. engaged, 101. sins, 102. criminal, 103. tick

104. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
105. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.
- adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
106. The flight _____ in Vancouver.
- v.* to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place
107. The company's stock gives a high _____.
- n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
108. The world-famous _____ transformed her client's dull hair into a shiny and stylish new look.
- n.* a person who cuts and styles hair for a living
109. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
110. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
111. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.
- adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

ANSWERS: 104. ban, 105. competent, 106. originates, 107. yield, 108. hairdresser, 109. rid, 110. survey, 111. explicit

112. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
113. He put the fishing line on the _____ and cast his line into the water.
n. a cylinder on which film, wire, or other flexible materials that can be wound
114. His grandfather was an _____ man.
adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
115. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
116. The soldiers were equipped with ample _____ for the battle.
n. supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
117. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
118. This is a _____ campaign to recruit women into trade unions.
adj. extending throughout an entire nation
119. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
120. That style is no longer in _____.
n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 112. bombs, 113. reel, 114. odd, 115. largely, 116. ammunition, 117. toxic, 118. nationwide, 119. Capitalism, 120. fashion

121. He has a flair for _____.

- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

122. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

123. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

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

124. She examines the document with remarkable _____.

- n.* the quality of being subtle

125. The firewood at the _____ was wet and made it hard to start a fire.

- n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

126. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

127. It is important to adhere to _____ requirements when starting a new business.

- adj.* relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation

128. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.

- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 121. mathematics, 122. remarkable, 123. corporation, 124. subtlety, 125. campsite, 126. process, 127. statutory, 128. dynamic

129. Her excessive demands drove me _____.

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

130. 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

131. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

132. The politician's close _____ was given a high-ranking job in the administration.

n. a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities

133. The _____ report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

134. He claimed _____ for the injury.

n. something especially money, given or received as payment or reparation for a service or loss or injury

135. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

136. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 129. insane, 130. complexity, 131. collar, 132. crony, 133. autopsy, 134. compensation, 135. prosecute, 136. crazy

137. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

138. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

139. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

140. The judge denied the motion to dismiss the _____ case.

n. the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

141. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

142. This business yields little _____.

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

143. He used a fishing ____ to catch the biggest fish of the day.

n. a long, thin, straight piece of wood, metal, or other material used for support, as a weapon, or for punishment

144. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

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

ANSWERS: 137. dramatically, 138. horrific, 139. association, 140. prosecution's, 141. ingredient, 142. profit, 143. rod, 144. mechanisms

145. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

146. 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

147. She was put in charge of the project and had full _____ over the team.

n. the act or process of overseeing or directing the work or performance of others

148. The priest performed an _____ to rid the haunted house of its evil spirits.

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

149. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

150. 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

151. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

152. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

153. The project turned into a complete _____ due to poor planning and management.

n. a complete failure or disaster; a sudden and catastrophic collapse or defeat; a fiasco or a mess

ANSWERS: 145. opposed, 146. progression, 147. supervision, 148. exorcism, 149. intensify, 150. degree, 151. supposedly, 152. precise, 153. debacle

154. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

155. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.

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

156. 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

157. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

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

158. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

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

159. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

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

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

161. The _____ of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

ANSWERS: 154. shrink, 155. conceive, 156. nation, 157. marketplace, 158. disaster, 159. virgin, 160. massive, 161. charter

162. 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
163. Committing a _____ can result in severe consequences, such as imprisonment or fines.
- n.* a serious crime that carries a punishment of more than one year in prison, typically involving violence or other severe actions
164. The company's _____ has changed hands several times in the past few years.
- n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
165. My wife is addicted to making _____ purchases.
- adj.* careful and diligent in the use of resources or the spending of money
166. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
167. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.
- adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
168. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
169. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.
- n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

ANSWERS: 162. involves, 163. felony, 164. ownership, 165. thrifty, 166. warn, 167. ambiguous, 168. adopted, 169. characteristic

170. The accused was charged with attempting to _____ his elderly neighbor out of her life savings.

- v.* to cheat or deceive someone to gain a financial or personal advantage; to violate someone's trust for personal gain

171. 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

172. They have no _____ to win the game.

- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

173. Many activists are pushing for laws to _____ marijuana use.

- v.* to eliminate or reduce the criminal penalties associated with an act or behavior; to make legal or permissible something that was previously outlawed or punishable by law

174. Please hang your towel on a _____.

- n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

175. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.

- adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

176. The government used _____ to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

- n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

ANSWERS: 170. defraud, 171. county's, 172. incentive, 173. decriminalize, 174. hook, 175. catastrophic, 176. coercion

177. 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
178. 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
179. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
180. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
181. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
- n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
182. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
- adv. almost completely
183. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv. now or without delay

ANSWERS: 177. suffers, 178. sink, 179. scheme, 180. chased, 181. finance, 182. Virtually, 183. immediately

184. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
185. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
186. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
187. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
188. 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
189. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.
n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
190. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
191. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

ANSWERS: 184. perpetrator, 185. Democracy, 186. folk, 187. obvious, 188. mortgage, 189. audacity, 190. critics, 191. recipe

192. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
193. She _____ the balloons for the party.
- v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
194. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
195. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
196. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.
- adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
197. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
198. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
- adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
199. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 192. victim, 193. inflated, 194. wealth, 195. absolute, 196. exotic, 197. Intelligent, 198. legitimate, 199. expand

200. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

201. I will be very happy to accept your _____.

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

202. All members strictly followed the _____ of the organization.

n. a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

203. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

204. The software uses a robust _____ to prevent access to malicious websites and protect users from online threats.

n. a list of names or entities that are seen as undesirables or perceived as a threat, often compiled by a government or organization and used to restrict access or opportunities

205. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

206. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

207. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 200. exclusive, 201. invitation, 202. dogma, 203. inevitable, 204. blacklist, 205. typical, 206. destroyed, 207. reinvent

208. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

209. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

210. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

211. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

212. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 208. federal, 209. currency, 210. pledge, 211. contribution, 212. economy