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Session 1: Word List

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

prophecy

v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

synonym: predict, foretell, prophesize

(1) **prophecy** doom, (2) **prophecy** success

The famous author was able to **prophecy** technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.

gratuitous

adj. given or done without charge or payment

synonym: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

(1) render **gratuitous** service, (2) **gratuitous** insult

The **gratuitous** violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a

particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**
His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

yoga

n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

synonym : meditation, exercise, spiritual practice

(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym : forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**
These results muddied the **prediction**.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

specific

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

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym: prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

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**.

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

troubleshoot

v. to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations

synonym: diagnose, fix, repair

(1) **troubleshoot** network issues, (2) **troubleshoot** software problems

I need to **troubleshoot** why my computer keeps freezing.

diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

synonym: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym: storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

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.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

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.

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**.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

humanoid

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

synonym : android, anthropomorphic

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

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

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.

primitive

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

synonym: elementary, naive, rudimental

(1) **primitive** society, (2) artifact of a **primitive** humankind

The industry in this country is still **primitive**.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

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.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

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.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

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.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

shallow

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom

synonym: superficial, external, surface

(1) **shallow** people, (2) **shallow** water

Shallow brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

drudgery

n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

synonym: tedium, laboriousness, grind

(1) office **drudgery**, (2) daily **drudgery**

The tedious **drudgery** of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.

toil

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

synonym: struggle, labor, work hard

(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain

The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

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.

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**.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

patron

n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

synonym : contributor, sponsor, supporter

(1) the **patron** saint of a place, (2) political **patron**

They have been a **patron** of this restaurant for many years.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym: banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

entertain

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

synonym: amuse, delight, engage

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

He refused to **entertain** our proposal.

enlighten

v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

synonym: inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true
synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

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.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

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

constrain

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

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

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

convinced

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

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

freeman

n. a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote

synonym: citizen, individual, person

(1) **freeman** rights, (2) **freeman** status

In the colonial period, only **freeman** was allowed to vote.

hyperbole

n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

synonym: exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing

The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym: basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains
The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

thorny

adj. full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with

synonym : prickly, spiky, bristly

(1) the **thorny** path of life, (2) **thorny** problem
The rose bush had **thorny** branches.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym : recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text
Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

apocryphal

adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

synonym : spurious, questionable, dubious

(1) **apocryphal** account, (2) **apocryphal** text
The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely **apocryphal** but still taught in schools.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand
I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym: crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

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.

anecdote

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

synonym: story, account, tale

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

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

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

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.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

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**.

wage

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

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

median

n. the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size

synonym: middle, center

(1) **median** age at diagnosis, (2) a **median** strip

Median annual income fell last year in this country.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym: malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

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.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

deserve

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

synonym: merit, earn, justify

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

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

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into

dystopias.

vision

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

synonym: sight, image, concept

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

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

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym: organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

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

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

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym : worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

clerk

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

synonym : worker, record-keeper, letter-writer

(1) **clerk** job, (2) **clerk** position

The **clerk** at the store helped me find what I needed.

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.

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.

progressive

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

synonym : advanced, forward-thinking, modern

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

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

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym: separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

frame

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

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

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.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

trend

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

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

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.

overwhelming

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

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

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

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

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

evil

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

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

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

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

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice versa**.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym: honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

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.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym: foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

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

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

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

synonym: interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical

intervention

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

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.

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.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

associate

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

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

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

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

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

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.

redistribute

v. to share something among people in a different way
synonym : rearrange, readjust, reconstruct

(1) **redistribute** income fairly, (2) **redistribute** data

The general **redistributed** the troops more strategically.

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.

calm

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

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

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

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

champion

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

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

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

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

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym : foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

socialist

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared

among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

synonym : communistic, Marxist, socialist

(1) **socialist** regime, (2) **socialist** ideology

He is a progressive **socialist** and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

stifle

v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

synonym : smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

complacent

adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes

synonym : content, satisfied, self-satisfied

(1) **complacent** attitude, (2) **complacent** with past successes

He became **complacent** in his job and stopped trying to improve.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym : flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym : vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

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.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

grade

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

synonym: score, rate, degree

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

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

gulag

n. (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

synonym: prison camp, labor camp, detention center

(1) **gulag** survivor, (2) **gulag** labor

Thousands of political prisoners were held in the **gulag** during the Soviet era.

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym : retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym : bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

submission

n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

synonym : obedience, yielding, compliance

(1) **submission** agreement, (2) **submission** of a final report

The **submission** deadline for the project is next week.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

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

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

prominent

adj. important, well-known, or noticeable

synonym : notable, distinguished, prominent

(1) **prominent** figure, (2) play a **prominent** role

The media frequently interviewed **prominent** scientists.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym: prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

synonym: interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

glitter

v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines

synonym : sparkle, glisten, shine

(1) **glitter** against her skin, (2) **glitter** in her eyes

Her dress **glittered** in the sunlight as she walked down the street.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym : ingrained, implanted, inserted

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

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

shabby

adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect

synonym : dilapidated, run-down, shoddy

(1) **shabby** appearance, (2) **shabby** treatment

The **shabby** couch had seen better days.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

accelerate

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

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

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.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

synonym : danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**

The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

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.

autonomous

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

synonym : independent, self-governing, self-reliant

(1) development of **autonomous** vehicles, (2) an

autonomous judiciary

Five of the six provinces will become **autonomous** regions under the new federal system of government.

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.

apathetic

adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

synonym : indifferent, uninterested, unconcerned

(1) **apathetic** attitude, (2) **apathetic** response

She was **apathetic** about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.

hard-hearted

adj. lacking compassion, sympathy, or kindness; unfeeling or unsympathetic towards the suffering or distress of others

synonym : cold-hearted, unfeeling, callous

(1) **hard-hearted** person, (2) **hard-hearted** response

His **hard-hearted** refusal to help his friend in need left her feeling betrayed.

wordsmith

n. a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently

synonym : writer

(1) aspiring **wordsmith**, (2) talented **wordsmith**

The renowned **wordsmith** carefully selected each word to create a masterpiece.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

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.

tireless

adj. characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged

synonym: indefatigable, persistent, unflagging

(1) **tireless** dedication, (2) **tireless** charity work

The politician was known for his **tireless** efforts to improve healthcare.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

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.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym: non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

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.

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.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym : ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
2. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
3. de___p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
4. 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
5. me___n age at diagnosis *n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
6. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
7. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 1. profit, 2. entrepreneurship, 3. develop, 4. hook, 5. median, 6. firm, 7. severe

8. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
9. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
10. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
11. so_____st ideology *adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
12. development of aut_____us vehicles *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
13. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
14. cr_____an skill *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
15. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 8. labor, 9. appropriate, 10. dystopia, 11. socialist, 12. autonomous, 13. ford, 14. craftsman, 15. progressive

16. household an____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
17. pl____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
18. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
19. an international co____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
20. di____se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
21. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
22. a di____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
23. a se____e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
24. sh____w people *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom

ANSWERS: 16. android, 17. playbook, 18. capture, 19. congress, 20. diagnose, 21. infrastructure, 22. distant, 23. severe, 24. shallow

25. 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
26. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
27. 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
28. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
29. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
30. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
31. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
32. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
33. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

ANSWERS: 25. collar, 26. valley, 27. sink, 28. economical, 29. digital, 30. champion, 31. valley, 32. toil, 33. surprisingly

34. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
35. 20/20 hi_____ht *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
36. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
37. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
38. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
39. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
40. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
41. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
42. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
43. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

ANSWERS: 34. folk, 35. hindsight, 36. communal, 37. classic, 38. explode, 39. pride, 40. wage, 41. economical, 42. flourish, 43. automatic

44. gu__g labor *n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor
45. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
46. cl__k position *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
47. talented wo_____th *n.* a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently
48. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
49. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
50. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
51. en_____in a guest *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling

ANSWERS: 44. gulag, 45. chart, 46. clerk, 47. wordsmith, 48. engage, 49. trap, 50. broad, 51. entertain

52. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
53. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
54. com_____nt with past successes *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
55. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
56. mo_____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
57. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
58. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
59. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
60. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
61. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
62. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
63. 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

ANSWERS: 52. disbeliever, 53. forecast, 54. complacent, 55. extreme, 56. modern, 57. technological, 58. smashing, 59. extreme, 60. plain, 61. acquire, 62. optimistic, 63. sink

64. hu____id design *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
65. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
66. su_____zes the main ideas *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
67. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
68. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
69. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
70. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
71. so_____st regime *adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
72. vi_____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

ANSWERS: 64. humanoid, 65. vice, 66. summarize, 67. astonishing, 68. forth, 69. disbeliever, 70. straightforward, 71. socialist, 72. vicious

73. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
74. put his life in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
75. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
76. th____y problem *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
77. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
78. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
79. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
80. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
81. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
82. ap_____ic response *adj.* lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

ANSWERS: 73. boredom, 74. jeopardy, 75. educational, 76. thorny, 77. decide, 78. ingredient, 79. convinced, 80. prediction, 81. confer, 82. apathetic

83. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
84. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
85. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
86. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
87. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
88. vo____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
89. office dr_____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
90. live an ab_____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
91. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
92. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
93. 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

ANSWERS: 83. caution, 84. similarly, 85. jeopardy, 86. amazing, 87. fortune, 88. volume, 89. drudgery, 90. abundant, 91. confidence, 92. classic, 93. economy

94. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
95. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
96. har____ted person *adj.* lacking compassion, sympathy, or kindness; unfeeling or unsympathetic towards the suffering or distress of others
97. pr____sy success *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns
98. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
99. a crumbling dy____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
100. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 94. frame, 95. separate, 96. hard-hearted, 97. prophesy, 98. labor, 99. dystopia, 100. firm

101. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
102. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
103. so_____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
104. 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
105. let me en_____in you with music *v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
106. gra_____us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
107. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
108. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
109. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
110. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

ANSWERS: 101. demonstrate, 102. planet, 103. societal, 104. collar, 105. entertain, 106. gratuitous, 107. constrain, 108. associate, 109. froth, 110. reverse

111. the center ai__e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
112. su_____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
113. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
114. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
115. au_____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
116. escalate the hy_____le *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
117. a me___n strip *n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
118. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
119. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
120. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 111. aisle, 112. sustained, 113. surprisingly, 114. ignore, 115. automated, 116. hyperbole, 117. median, 118. astonishing, 119. silicon, 120. opposition

121. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
122. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
123. dielectric pol____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
124. di____e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
125. hear customer's voices fi____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
126. apo____al text *adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
127. high vo____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
128. daily dr____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
129. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
130. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 121. vice, 122. educated, 123. polarization, 124. diverge, 125. firsthand, 126. apocryphal, 127. volume, 128. drudgery, 129. employ, 130. planet

131. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
132. in_____t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
133. 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
134. gl_____r in her eyes *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
135. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
136. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
137. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
138. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
139. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
140. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
141. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 131. engineer, 132. inject, 133. discovery, 134. glitter, 135. unemployed, 136. deserve, 137. straightforward, 138. infrastructure, 139. firsthand, 140. fantastic, 141. responsible

142. lack in mo____ty	<i>n.</i> the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
143. vice-pr_____nt for finance	<i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
144. rem_____le achievement	<i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special
145. c__m sea	<i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
146. as_____te with people widely	<i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
147. ap_____ic attitude	<i>adj.</i> lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested
148. au_____ed manual transmission	<i>adj.</i> carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
149. with an unc_____ble face	<i>adj.</i> providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
150. en_____ng story	<i>adj.</i> attracting, pleasant, or charming
151. in_____te the quality of his life	<i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
152. political pa____n	<i>n.</i> a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.

ANSWERS: 142. mobility, 143. president, 144. remarkable, 145. calm, 146. associate, 147. apathetic, 148. automated, 149. uncomfortable, 150. engaging, 151. innovate, 152. patron

153. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
154. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
155. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
156. political pl_____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
157. ai__e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
158. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
159. hi_____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
160. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
161. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 153. launch, 154. folk, 155. craftsman, 156. playbook, 157. aisle, 158. progression, 159. hindsight, 160. wealth, 161. develop

162. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
163. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
164. cutting-edge inn____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
165. a rental wa____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
166. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
167. 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
168. apo____al account *adj.* of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true
169. intraspecific com____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
170. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 162. entirely, 163. launch, 164. innovation, 165. warehouse, 166. possibility, 167. process, 168. apocryphal, 169. competition, 170. crisis

171. 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
172. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
173. an ab_____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
174. gl_____r against her skin *v.* to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
175. wa_____se debt *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
176. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
177. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
178. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
179. pr_____ve society *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
180. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 171. guarantee, 172. statistics, 173. abundant, 174. glitter, 175. warehouse, 176. ignore, 177. unemployed, 178. nation, 179. primitive, 180. threat

181. 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
182. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
183. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
184. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
185. render gra_____us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
186. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
187. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
188. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
189. 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: 181. process, 182. evil, 183. embedded, 184. crisis, 185. gratuitous, 186. optimistic, 187. provoke, 188. vision, 189. inequality

190. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
191. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
192. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
193. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
194. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
195. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
196. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
197. the pa___n saint of a place *n.* a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
198. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 190. congress, 191. accelerate, 192. incredibly, 193. bore, 194. physicist, 195. fantastic, 196. inject, 197. patron, 198. modern

209. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
210. 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
211. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
212. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
213. com_____nt attitude *adj.* satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
214. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
215. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
216. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
217. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
218. dem_____ic analyses *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
219. pr_____sy doom *v.* to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

ANSWERS: 209. provoke, 210. inequality, 211. stable, 212. movement, 213. complacent, 214. engaging, 215. elect, 216. elect, 217. corporate, 218. demographic, 219. prophesy

220. ill fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
221. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
222. crystalline si____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
223. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
224. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
225. sh_____w water *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom
226. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
227. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
228. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
229. the th___y path of life *adj.* full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with
230. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

ANSWERS: 220. fortune, 221. possibility, 222. silicon, 223. educational, 224. forth, 225. shallow, 226. entrepreneurship, 227. calm, 228. trend, 229. thorny, 230. proof

231. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
232. 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
233. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
234. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
235. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
236. st___e a laugh *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
237. negative ste_____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
238. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
239. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 231. statistics, 232. mass, 233. trend, 234. forecast, 235. creative, 236. stifle, 237. stereotype, 238. opportune, 239. responsible

240. di_____se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
241. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
242. tro_____oot software problems *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
243. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
244. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
245. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
246. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
247. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
248. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 240. diagnose, 241. bore, 242. troubleshoot, 243. decide, 244. capture, 245. convinced, 246. counterpart, 247. absolutely, 248. innovation

249. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
250. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
251. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
252. ti_____ss charity work *adj.* characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged
253. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
254. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
255. avoid hy_____le in writing *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
256. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
257. ti_____ss dedication *adj.* characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged
258. en_____en other countries *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

ANSWERS: 249. coordinate, 250. automatic, 251. communal, 252. tireless, 253. politician, 254. champion, 255. hyperbole, 256. innovate, 257. tireless, 258. enlighten

259. y__a teacher *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
260. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
261. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
262. 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
263. red_____ute income fairly *v.* to share something among people in a different way
264. hide his pr___e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
265. sub_____on agreement *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority
266. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
267. skilled la_____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

ANSWERS: 259. yoga, 260. demographic, 261. scheme, 262. encourage, 263. redistribute, 264. pride, 265. submission, 266. ethnic, 267. laborer

268. hu____id hand *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
269. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
270. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
271. theoretical ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
272. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
273. fr____n rights *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
274. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
275. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
276. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
277. in____ne between quarreling parties *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
278. sub____on of a final report *n.* the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

ANSWERS: 268. humanoid, 269. defend, 270. toil, 271. physicist, 272. ford, 273. freeman, 274. massive, 275. overwhelming, 276. overlook, 277. intervene, 278. submission

279. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
280. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
281. im____e a process *v.* to make or become better
282. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
283. aerial y__a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
284. negotiating cou____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
285. pr____nt figure *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
286. acc____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
287. har____ted response *adj.* lacking compassion, sympathy, or kindness; unfeeling or unsympathetic towards the suffering or distress of others
288. en____ge antisocial behavior *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

ANSWERS: 279. froth, 280. engineer, 281. improve, 282. wage, 283. yoga, 284. counterpart, 285. prominent, 286. accelerate, 287. hard-hearted, 288. encourage

289. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
290. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
291. tro_____oot network issues *v.* to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations
292. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
293. red_____ute data *v.* to share something among people in a different way
294. fr_____n status *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
295. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
296. aspiring wo_____th *n.* a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently
297. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 289. threat, 290. profit, 291. troubleshoot, 292. acknowledge, 293. redistribute, 294. freeman, 295. massive, 296. wordsmith, 297. smashing

298. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
299. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
300. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
301. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
302. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
303. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
304. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
305. sh___y treatment *adj.* (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect
306. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
307. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 298. pretension, 299. abundance, 300. plain, 301. broad, 302. abundance, 303. entirely, 304. guarantee, 305. shabby, 306. stereotype, 307. distant

308. documentary pr__f	<i>n.</i> a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
309. an aut_____us judiciary	<i>adj.</i> capable of governing or controlling its affairs
310. non-fi_____n bestseller	<i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
311. st___e creativity	<i>v.</i> to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
312. surgical int_____ion	<i>n.</i> the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
313. dem_____te a difference	<i>v.</i> to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
314. personal an_____te	<i>n.</i> a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
315. majority of his we___h	<i>n.</i> a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
316. su_____ed economic growth	<i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
317. an app_____te time	<i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
318. so_____al expectations	<i>adj.</i> relating to society or social relationships

ANSWERS: 308. proof, 309. autonomous, 310. fiction, 311. stifle, 312. intervention, 313. demonstrate, 314. anecdote, 315. wealth, 316. sustained, 317. appropriate, 318. societal

319. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
320. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
321. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
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. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
324. 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
325. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
326. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
327. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

ANSWERS: 319. corporate, 320. movement, 321. laborer, 322. discovery, 323. uncomfortable, 324. hook, 325. opposition, 326. financier, 327. mobility

328. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
329. di_____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
330. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
331. gu__g survivor *n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor
332. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
333. em_____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
334. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
335. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
336. a coo_____te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

ANSWERS: 328. grade, 329. diverge, 330. caution, 331. gulag, 332. engage, 333. embedded, 334. chart, 335. defend, 336. coordinate

337. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
338. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
339. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
340. int_____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
341. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
342. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
343. cl__k job *n.* a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers
344. l__m on the horizon *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
345. po_____r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
346. sh___y appearance *adj.* (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect

ANSWERS: 337. trap, 338. employ, 339. educated, 340. intervention, 341. constrain, 342. prosperous, 343. clerk, 344. loom, 345. postwar, 346. shabby

347. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
348. vi_____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
349. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
350. et____c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
351. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
352. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
353. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
354. l__m over the global economy *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
355. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
356. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
357. 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.
358. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 347. competition, 348. vicious, 349. incredibly, 350. ethnic, 351. grade, 352. specific, 353. wit, 354. loom, 355. flourish, 356. overlook, 357. president, 358. remarkable

359. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
360. 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
361. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
362. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
363. a prodigious vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
364. a pilot sc_____e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
365. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
366. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
367. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 359. financier, 360. economy, 361. anecdote, 362. opportune, 363. vision, 364. scheme, 365. digital, 366. rethink, 367. overwhelming

368. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
369. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
370. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
371. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
372. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
373. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
374. play a pr_____nt role *adj.* important, well-known, or noticeable
375. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
376. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
377. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 368. ingredient, 369. wit, 370. stable, 371. frame, 372. explode, 373. pretension, 374. prominent, 375. mass, 376. technological, 377. confidence

378. en_____en legions of people *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
379. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
380. pol_____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
381. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
382. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
383. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
384. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
385. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
386. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
387. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 378. enlighten, 379. boredom, 380. polarization, 381. prediction, 382. policymaker, 383. politician, 384. similarly, 385. critic, 386. specific, 387. rethink

388. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
389. An_____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
390. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
391. artifact of a pr_____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
392. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
393. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
394. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
395. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
396. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
397. in_____ne in a dispute *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
398. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 388. absolutely, 389. android, 390. prosperous, 391. primitive, 392. confer, 393. progressive, 394. evil, 395. improve, 396. reverse, 397. intervene, 398. fiction

399. pro_____on of civilization

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

400. art cr___c

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

ANSWERS: 399. progression, 400. critic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.
n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

2. 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

3. The _____ deadline for the project is next week.
n. the act of giving a document, proposal, etc., to somebody for consideration or judgment; the act of giving in or yielding to a superior force or authority

4. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

5. She was _____ about the project and didn't care if it succeeded or failed.
adj. lacking interest, enthusiasm, or concern; indifferent or unconcerned, often in situations where one might be expected to be emotionally engaged or invested

6. These results muddied the _____.
n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

7. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 1. humanoid, 2. inequality, 3. submission, 4. entrepreneurship, 5. apathetic, 6. prediction, 7. Technological

8. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
9. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.
v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
10. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
11. 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
12. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
13. 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
14. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 8. vicious, 9. bored, 10. decide, 11. progression, 12. evil, 13. economy, 14. dystopias

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

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

16. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

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

17. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

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

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

19. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

20. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

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

21. I need to _____ why my computer keeps freezing.

v. to identify and solve problems or difficulties, particularly in mechanical or technical systems or situations

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

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

ANSWERS: 15. remarkable, 16. overwhelming, 17. classic, 18. develop, 19. corporate, 20. folk, 21. troubleshoot, 22. wages

23. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
24. 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
25. The teacher sought to _____ her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.
v. to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
26. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
27. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
28. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
29. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.
adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
30. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 23. entirely, 24. nation, 25. enlighten, 26. capture, 27. overlook, 28. politician, 29. straightforward, 30. elected

31. The _____ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

adj. given or done without charge or payment

32. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

adj. relating to society or social relationships

33. _____ brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom

34. 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

35. Many people find that regular _____ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

36. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

37. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

38. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

ANSWERS: 31. gratuitous, 32. societal, 33. Shallow, 34. encouraged, 35. yoga, 36. Communal, 37. plain, 38. competition

39. The oppressive regime tried to _____ free speech and dissent.
- v. to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
40. 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
41. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
42. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
43. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
- n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
44. The adept _____ carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.
- n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
45. The general _____ the troops more strategically.
- v. to share something among people in a different way
46. The tedious _____ of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.
- n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 39. stifle, 40. engaged, 41. exploded, 42. opposition, 43. counterpart, 44. craftsman, 45. redistributed, 46. drudgery

47. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
48. 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
49. 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
50. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.
n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
51. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
52. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
53. They have been a _____ of this restaurant for many years.
n. a person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, or activity; a loyal or regular customer of a particular shop, restaurant, etc.
54. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 47. deserved, 48. mass, 49. hook, 50. demographic, 51. engineer, 52. digital, 53. patron, 54. extreme

55. 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.

56. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

- adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

57. 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

58. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.

- n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

59. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

- adj.* extremely good; excellent

60. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

- n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

61. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

62. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 55. president, 56. educational, 57. scheme, 58. vice, 59. fantastic, 60. forecasts, 61. modern, 62. firsthand

63. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
64. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
65. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
66. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
67. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.
n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
68. He became _____ in his job and stopped trying to improve.
adj. satisfied with the status quo and not wishing to make changes
69. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
70. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

ANSWERS: 63. physicist, 64. massive, 65. calm, 66. frame, 67. intervention, 68. complacent, 69. movement, 70. economical

71. Her dress _____ in the sunlight as she walked down the street.
v. to shine with bright, sparkling light; to reflect light in a way that sparkles and shines
72. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
73. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
74. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.
v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
75. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
76. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
77. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
78. The issue of divorce _____ large in his mind.
v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

ANSWERS: 71. glittered, 72. acquire, 73. Proof, 74. coordinate, 75. appropriate, 76. automatic, 77. grade, 78. loomed

79. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
80. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
81. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
82. The industry in this country is still _____.
adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
83. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
84. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
85. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
86. She walked down the _____ to the front of the church.
n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

ANSWERS: 79. associate, 80. stable, 81. innovate, 82. primitive, 83. wealth, 84. amazing, 85. reversed, 86. aisle

87. Following international law, our country does not _____ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
88. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.
- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
89. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
90. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
- n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
91. He refused to _____ our proposal.
- v.* to keep a group of people interested or excited; to take into consideration an idea or feeling
92. 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
93. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
- adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
94. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.
- adj.* present in great quantity

ANSWERS: 87. intervene, 88. smashing, 89. trap, 90. Policymakers, 91. entertain, 92. collar, 93. prosperous, 94. abundant

95. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
96. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
97. The media frequently interviewed _____ scientists.
adj. important, well-known, or noticeable
98. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
99. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general
100. 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
101. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
102. He is a progressive _____ and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.
adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

ANSWERS: 95. convinced, 96. trend, 97. prominent, 98. anecdotes, 99. broad, 100. discovery, 101. profit, 102. socialist

103. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
104. The renowned _____ carefully selected each word to create a masterpiece.
n. a skilled or creative writer; someone who has a way with words and uses language effectively and eloquently
105. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.
n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
106. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
107. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.
adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
108. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
109. The _____ couch had seen better days.
adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect
110. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.
adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

ANSWERS: 103. separate, 104. wordsmith, 105. financier, 106. employ, 107. distant, 108. innovation, 109. shabby, 110. ethnic

111. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

112. The _____ at the store helped me find what I needed.

n. a person who works in an office and is responsible for keeping records, writing letters, etc.; a person who works in a store and is responsible for serving customers

113. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

114. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

115. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

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

116. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

117. He has the _____ to keep talking about this topic.

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

118. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

ANSWERS: 111. flourished, 112. clerk, 113. threat, 114. disbeliever, 115. champion, 116. pride, 117. wit, 118. Silicon

119. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.
adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
120. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
121. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
122. 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
123. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
124. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
125. The famous author was able to _____ technological advancements that were beyond the imagination of his time.
v. to predict or foretell a future event or outcome, often through divine or supernatural means; to make a prediction or forecast based on present trends or patterns

ANSWERS: 119. postwar, 120. educated, 121. astonishing, 122. sink, 123. labor, 124. forth, 125. prophesy

126. The marketing campaign relied heavily on _____ to sell the product.

n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

127. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

128. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

129. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

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

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

131. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

132. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

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

ANSWERS: 126. hyperbole, 127. opportune, 128. hindsight, 129. abundance, 130. defend, 131. stereotypes, 132. progressive

133. 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

134. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.

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

135. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

136. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.

- adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

137. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.

- n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

138. Thousands of political prisoners were held in the _____ during the Soviet era.

- n.* (an acronym for the Russian term "Main Directorate of Camps") a system of forced labor camps and prisons in the Soviet Union, particularly during Joseph Stalin's regime, used for political repression and punishment, often subjecting prisoners to harsh conditions and extensive physical labor

139. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

- adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

140. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

ANSWERS: 133. guarantee, 134. accelerate, 135. infrastructure, 136. sustained, 137. froth, 138. gulag, 139. surprisingly, 140. critics

141. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

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

142. He never _____ his fault.

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

143. His _____ refusal to help his friend in need left her feeling betrayed.

adj. lacking compassion, sympathy, or kindness; unfeeling or unsympathetic towards the suffering or distress of others

144. The rose bush had _____ branches.

adj. full of or covered with thorns; prickly; (of a problem) difficult to deal with

145. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

146. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

147. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

148. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 141. severe, 142. acknowledged, 143. hard-hearted, 144. thorny, 145. polarization, 146. valley, 147. confidence, 148. absolutely

149. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

150. The story of George Washington and the cherry tree is likely _____ but still taught in schools.

adj. of doubtful or questionable authenticity; well known, but probably not true

151. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

v. to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

152. Truth is stranger than _____.

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

153. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

154. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

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

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

156. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

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

ANSWERS: 149. ford, 150. apocryphal, 151. toiled, 152. fiction, 153. uncomfortable, 154. optimistic, 155. creative, 156. specific

157. 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
158. In the colonial period, only _____ was allowed to vote.
- n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
159. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.
- adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
160. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
161. The politician was known for his _____ efforts to improve healthcare.
- adj.* characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged
162. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
163. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
164. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 157. ingredient, 158. freeman, 159. autonomous, 160. responsible, 161. tireless, 162. ignored, 163. statistics, 164. pretensions

165. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

166. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

167. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

168. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

169. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

170. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

171. 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

172. I have limited _____ in my arms.

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

ANSWERS: 165. embedded, 166. demonstrate, 167. caution, 168. planet, 169. automated, 170. rethink, 171. process, 172. mobility

173. _____ 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

174. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

175. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

176. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

177. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

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

178. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

179. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

180. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

ANSWERS: 173. Congress, 174. volume, 175. playbook, 176. unemployed, 177. constrained, 178. boredom, 179. chart, 180. summarizes

181. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
182. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
183. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
- adv.* in almost the same way
184. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.
- n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
185. As tectonic plates _____ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.
- v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
186. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.
- adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
187. _____ annual income fell last year in this country.
- n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
188. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 181. fortune, 182. provoked, 183. similarly, 184. jeopardy, 185. diverge, 186. engaging, 187. Median, 188. inject

189. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

190. This device is used to _____ brain cancer and other tumors.

- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

191. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.

- n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

192. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

193. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

194. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

195. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

196. 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

ANSWERS: 189. launch, 190. diagnose, 191. warehouse, 192. incredibly, 193. confer, 194. firm, 195. improve, 196. crisis

197. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

198. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

199. The construction site hired many _____ to help with the heavy lifting.

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

200. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

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

ANSWERS: 197. possibility, 198. android, 199. laborers, 200. vision