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Session 1: Word List

pollinator

n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

synonym : fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier

(1) **pollinator** species, (2) beneficial **pollinator**

Bees are important **pollinators** for many crops and plants.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

alfalfa

n. a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient

synonym : lucerne

(1) **alfalfa** sprouts, (2) **alfalfa** hay

The farmer grew a field of **alfalfa** to use as feed for his animals.

hay

n. grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

synonym :

straw, fodder, forage

(1) **hay** cube, (2) **hay** asthma

We sat on a **hay** bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

pollination

n. the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds

synonym : flowering, fertilization, cross-fertilization

(1) **pollination** by insect, (2) the cross- **pollination** of the arts

The **pollination** process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym : knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

pollen

n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

synonym : dust, spores, allergen

(1) **pollen** allergy symptoms, (2) high **pollen** count

My allergies flare up during **pollen** season, making it difficult to breathe.

carbohydrate

n. (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

synonym : sugar, starch, cellulose

(1) complex **carbohydrate**, (2) **carbohydrate** metabolism

Foods high in **carbohydrates** include bread, pasta, and rice.

nectar

n. a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring

synonym : honey, ambrosia, syrup

(1) **nectar** of the gods, (2) fruit **nectar**

The **nectar** of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.

feeder

n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process

synonym: supply, provider, dispenser

(1) **feeder** fish, (2) **feeder** artery

Many different types of birds visited the bird **feeder**.

floral

adj. relating to or resembling flowers

synonym: flowery, blooming

(1) **floral** kingdom, (2) **floral** design

The **floral** arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym: beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

paintbrush

n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle

synonym: brush, bristle brush, artist's brush

(1) **paintbrush** stroke, (2) **paintbrush** icon

She used a flat **paintbrush** to apply the final touches to the artwork.

uncommon

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

synonym: rare, scarce, unusual

(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents

It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

handheld

adj. designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go

synonym: portable, mobile, compact

(1) **handheld** device, (2) **handheld** camera

The technician used a **handheld** tool to fix the machine.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym: oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

tickle

v. to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

synonym: titillate, make laugh

(1) **tickle** his ribs, (2) **tickle** her vanity

These models explain why you can't **tickle** yourself.

anther

n. the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen

synonym: pollen, filament, stamen

(1) **anther** pollen, (2) flower **anther**

Many plants have evolved **anther** hairs as a mechanism to prevent self-pollination.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

bumblebee

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

synonym: bee, honeybee, pollinator

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

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

- flee** v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
synonym: exit, escape, run away
(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad
It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.
- frequency** n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity
(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**
The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.
- efficient** adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
synonym: productive, effective, competent
(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances
The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.
- swoosh** v. to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air
synonym: whoosh, swish, sweep
(1) **swoosh** sound, (2) **swoosh** through the tall trees
The basketball **swooshed** into the net, signaling the end of the game.
- fuzzy** adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
synonym: hazy, blurry, indistinct
(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory
The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym: conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

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.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym: beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

hollow

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

synonym: cavity, depression, concavity

(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

evolve

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

synonym: develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

honeybee

n. a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers

synonym: apis mellifera

(1) **honeybee** colony, (2) aggressive **honeybee**

The **honeybee** hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

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.

fluke

n. a stroke of luck or chance, often resulting in a positive outcome or unexpected success; an accidental or unplanned occurrence

synonym: chance, accident, stroke of luck

(1) lucky **fluke**, (2) **fluke** accident

Winning the lottery was just a **fluke**; I didn't expect it to happen.

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.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

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**.

beekeeper

n. a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops

synonym: apiarist, apiculturist, honey farmer

(1) **beekeeper** hat, (2) local **beekeeper**

My neighbor is a professional **beekeeper** who sells honey at the local farmers' market.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym: apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity
Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

hooked

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

synonym: caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs

My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

organism

n. a tiny living thing

synonym: being, creature

(1) aerobic **organism**, (2) group of **organisms**

A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial **organism** populations.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after

considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

allocate

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

synonym : apportion, assign, distribute

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

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

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

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.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

mind-blowing

adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions

synonym: amazing, incredible, shocking

(1) **mind-blowing** discovery, (2) a **mind-blowing** horror story

The **mind-blowing** effects of the psychedelic drug were unlike anything he had ever experienced.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

hygiene

n. the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness

synonym: cleanliness, health, sanitation

(1) **hygiene** practices, (2) public **hygiene**

Good **hygiene** is important for preventing the spread of illness.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym : roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

resin

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

synonym : sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground
He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym : adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

propolis

n. a resinous substance collected by bees from various plants, trees, and buds, used to seal and protect their hives, acting as a form of insulation and defense against external threats, often used in human health products due to its potential antimicrobial and antioxidant properties

synonym : bee glue, hive putty

(1) natural **propolis**, (2) bee **propolis**

The **propolis** extract in the lotion is believed to have anti-inflammatory properties, beneficial for sensitive skin.

disinfectant

n. a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings

synonym : disinfecting agent, sanitizer, antiseptic

(1) **disinfectant** spray, (2) medical **disinfectant**

The hospital uses a strong **disinfectant** to clean the operating room after each surgery.

antibiotic

n. a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria

synonym : antimicrobial, chemotherapeutic, germicide

(1) **antibiotic** resistance, (2) **antibiotic** allergy

He has been prescribed an **antibiotic** to treat his infection.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym : microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

bolster

v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

synonym: reinforce, support, strengthen

(1) **bolster** confidence, (2) **bolster** the economy

The company hired a new advertising agency to **bolster** its marketing efforts.

immunity

n. the ability of an organism to resist infection or disease, often due to the presence of antibodies

synonym: resistance, protection, defense

(1) **immunity** booster, (2) **immunity** response

Vaccination is an effective way to build **immunity** against diseases.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym: authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a

biology **bible**.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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.

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.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

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.

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.

conscience

n. a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
synonym: morality, ethics, scruples

(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**

He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym: original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

clover

n. a small plant with trifoliate leaves and small, typically white or pink flowers, often used as a fodder crop or for soil improvement due to its ability to fix nitrogen in the soil

synonym: shamrock, trefoil, trifolium

(1) **clover** leaf, (2) four-leaf **clover**

The rabbits happily grazed on the **clover-filled** field.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym: manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

nitrogen

n. a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins

(1) heavy **nitrogen**, (2) **nitrogen** absorption

Nitrogen gas is used to inflate car tires because it does not react with rubber.

- soil** *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
synonym: earth, ground, mud
(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**
Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
- synthetic** *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
synonym: artificial, manufactured, fabricated
(1) **synthetic** fiber, (2) **synthetic** fertilizer
Synthetic diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.
- herbicide** *n.* a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants
synonym: weedkiller, pesticide, chemical
(1) banned **herbicide**, (2) **herbicide** resistance
The farmer sprayed **herbicide** on his crops to kill weeds.
- weed** *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
synonym: plant, grass, shrub
(1) pull up a **weed**, (2) **weed** management
The garden was full of **weeds** that needed to be pulled.
- survival** *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
synonym: endurance, continuity
(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food
He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.
- monoculture** *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
synonym: single crop, uniform, homogenous
(1) **monoculture** strategy, (2) corn **monoculture**
Monoculture farming can also increase the risk of pests and

diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

dominate

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

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

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

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

soybean

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

synonym : soya, edamame

(1) **soybean** oil, (2) **soybean** production

The farmer harvested his **soybean** crop and took it to market.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

almond

n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

synonym : nut, kernel, seed

(1) **almond** milk, (2) **almond** butter

I love snacking on **almonds** for a healthy and delicious snack.

orchard

n. a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries

synonym : grove, plantation, fruit garden

(1) local apple **orchard**, (2) **orchard** tree

The farmer owns an **orchard** where he grows apples, pears, and plums.

blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

synonym : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

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.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

bloom

n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

synonym: blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym: insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
synonym : banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

pest

n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

synonym : nuisance, problem, annoyance

(1) **pest** control, (2) a **pest** of bean plants

The gardener used natural methods to keep **pests** away from her plants.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

residue

n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed

synonym : remnants, leftover, debris

(1) **residue** after evaporation, (2) chemical **residue**

There was a **residue** of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.

batch

n. a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

synonym : group, lot, collection

(1) a **batch** of letters, (2) **batch** processing

I baked a **batch** of cookies for the office party.

detectable

adj. capable of being discovered or identified

synonym : perceptible, noticeable, observable

(1) a barely **detectable** change, (2) **detectable** by the human ear

The object is **detectable** at ultraviolet wavelengths.

insecticide

n. a substance used to kill insects

synonym : pesticide, bug-killer, rodenticide

(1) **insecticide** spray, (2) **insecticide** residue

The farmer sprayed the crop with **insecticide** to protect it from pests.

fungicide

n. a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals

synonym : antifungal, fungistat

(1) apply **fungicide**, (2) agricultural **fungicide**

The plant nursery sprayed **fungicide** on their seedlings to prevent damping-off disease.

inert

adj. lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive

synonym : motionless, inactive, dormant

(1) **inert** gases, (2) **inert** ingredients

The rock was completely **inert** and didn't react when we tried to break it open.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

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.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

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

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

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym : defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

nicotine

n. a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system

synonym : tobacco, smoke

(1) **nicotine** patch, (2) **nicotine** replacement therapy

Smoking cigarettes exposes the body to high levels of **nicotine**, which can be addictive.

headline

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

synonym : title, caption

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

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

lethal

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

synonym : destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of

hypertension.

neon

n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it

synonym: fluorescent, glowing, illuminated

(1) luminous **neon** tube, (2) **neon** lights

The nightlife district was lit up with colorful **neon** signs and bright lights.

concentration

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

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

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

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

compound

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

synonym: combination, mixture, blend

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

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

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

neurotoxin

n. a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system

(1) snake **neurotoxin**, (2) lethal **neurotoxin**

Certain types of fish contain **neurotoxins** that can harm humans if ingested.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

intoxicate

v. (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior

synonym : befuddle, daze, fascinate

(1) be **intoxicated** with success, (2) **intoxicate** the person

For him, a glass of wine was an amount of alcohol sufficient to **intoxicate**.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym : confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym : hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym : destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

aptly

adv. in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

synonym : appropriately, fittingly, properly

(1) **aptly** named, (2) **aptly** timed

She **aptly** described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.

bloodsucker

n. a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others

synonym : leech, tick, parasite

(1) **bloodsucker** mosquito, (2) political **bloodsucker**

The lobbyist was accused of being a **bloodsucker**, using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his clients.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym: flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym: bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym: grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza B** strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

distance

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

synonym: space, gap, span

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

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

insure

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

synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

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

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

bum

n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

synonym: hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym: yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

boulevard

n. a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

synonym: avenue, street, road

(1) tree-lined **boulevard**, (2) residential **boulevard**

The new shopping center is on a bustling **boulevard** in the city's heart.

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.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym: agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

diversity

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

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym: relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym: branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

hedge

n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

synonym: border, fence, barrier

(1) snip at a **hedge**, (2) **hedge** fund firm

The best way to **hedge** financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees
He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

disrupt

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

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

countermeasure

n. an action taken to counter or offset another action

synonym: response, remedy, antidote

(1) **countermeasure** strategy, (2) **countermeasure** plan
The government implemented several **countermeasures** to combat the spread of the virus.

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.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

emergent

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

synonym: coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic

Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

mere

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

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

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

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

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym: big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

precarious

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

synonym : precariousness, instability, uncertainty

(1) **precarious** job, (2) **precarious** financial situation

She had a **precarious** hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

recuperate

v. to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion

synonym : heal, recover, recuperate

(1) **recuperate** from illness, (2) **recuperate** lost data

After surgery, it's important to rest and **recuperate** before returning to your normal activities.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

appreciative

adj. expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

synonym : grateful, thankful, pleased

(1) **appreciative** audience, (2) **appreciative** nod

The teacher was **appreciative** of the student's dedication and

hard work.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. a nightly fe__t | <i>n.</i> a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion |
| 2. in___e my house against fire | <i>v.</i> to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage |
| 3. sales rep_____ive | <i>n.</i> someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people |
| 4. na___e to Africa | <i>adj.</i> connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place |
| 5. an official rep_____ive | <i>n.</i> someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people |
| 6. pr_____n synthesis | <i>n.</i> a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues |
| 7. ap__y timed | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence |
| 8. an ir___c turn of events | <i>adj.</i> using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect |
| 9. no_____h damaged skin | <i>v.</i> to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy |

ANSWERS: 1. feast, 2. insure, 3. representative, 4. native, 5. representative, 6. protein, 7. aptly, 8. ironic, 9. nourish

10. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
11. ho___d on drugs *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
12. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
13. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
14. a go____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
15. the life cycle of a bu____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
16. min____ing discovery *adj.* extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions
17. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
18. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
19. ho____ee colony *n.* a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
20. cannot com____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
21. political blo____er *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others

ANSWERS: 10. afford, 11. hooked, 12. nation, 13. defend, 14. gorgeous, 15. butterfly, 16. mind-blowing, 17. row, 18. crop, 19. honeybee, 20. compromise, 21. bloodsucker

22. be int_____ted with success *v.* (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
23. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
24. a min_____ing horror story *adj.* extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions
25. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
26. al_____te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
27. or_____d tree *n.* a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
28. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
29. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
30. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
31. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
32. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
33. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 22. intoxicate, 23. attractive, 24. mind-blowing, 25. consume, 26. allocate, 27. orchard, 28. germ, 29. communicate, 30. architecture, 31. humming, 32. defend, 33. nation

34. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
35. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
36. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
37. fe___r artery *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
38. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
39. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
40. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
41. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
42. ti___e his ribs *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh
43. 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

ANSWERS: 34. flee, 35. contribute, 36. vibrate, 37. feeder, 38. decline, 39. compound, 40. individual, 41. agriculture, 42. tickle, 43. labor

44. tree-lined bo_____rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
45. stress pr_____n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
46. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
47. protecting bu_____ees *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
48. w__d management *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
49. in__t gases *adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
50. le___l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
51. 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

ANSWERS: 44. boulevard, 45. protein, 46. communal, 47. bumblebee, 48. weed, 49. inert, 50. lethal, 51. bore

52. heavy ni____en *n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
53. ir____c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
54. ex____d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
55. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
56. ho____w sound *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
57. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
58. luminous n__n tube *n.* a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it
59. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
60. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
61. ap__y named *adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence

ANSWERS: 52. nitrogen, 53. ironic, 54. extend, 55. maintain, 56. hollow, 57. frequency, 58. neon, 59. transport, 60. property, 61. aptly

62. m__d allergy
- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
63. he____ne article
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
64. po____n allergy symptoms
- n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
65. 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
66. banner he____ne
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
67. po_____te plants
- v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
68. r__y entirely on him
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
69. harmless ba____ia
- n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 62. mold, 63. headline, 64. pollen, 65. fiction, 66. headline, 67. pollinate, 68. rely, 69. bacteria

70. sw___h sound *v.* to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air
71. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
72. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
73. ins_____de spray *n.* a substance used to kill insects
74. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
75. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
76. chemical re_____e *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
77. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
78. ni_____ne replacement therapy *n.* a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system
79. pe_____de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

ANSWERS: 70. swoosh, 71. remarkable, 72. naturally, 73. insecticide, 74. recreation, 75. vast, 76. residue, 77. concentration, 78. nicotine, 79. pesticide

80. four-leaf cl___r *n.* a small plant with trifoliate leaves and small, typically white or pink flowers, often used as a fodder crop or for soil improvement due to its ability to fix nitrogen in the soil
81. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
82. pull up a w__d *n.* a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants
83. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
84. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
85. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
86. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
87. complex car_____ate *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
88. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 80. clover, 81. ingredient, 82. weed, 83. scrape, 84. amazing, 85. nest, 86. native, 87. carbohydrate, 88. decision

89. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
90. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
91. parched s___l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
92. po_____te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
93. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
94. beneficial pol_____or *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
95. det_____le by the human ear *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
96. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
97. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 89. comprise, 90. attractive, 91. soil, 92. pollinate, 93. eliminate, 94. pollinator, 95. detectable, 96. recreation, 97. landscape

98. lo___e a missing pet
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
99. a fe__t for the eyes
n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
100. agricultural fu_____de
n. a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals
101. mon_____re strategy
n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
102. residential bo_____rd
n. a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
103. cognitive com_____ty
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
104. flower an___r
n. the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen
105. de___t basin
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
106. his research area of
con_____ion
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
107. plant a co___y
n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
108. pr___l eras
adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

ANSWERS: 98. locate, 99. feast, 100. fungicide, 101. monoculture, 102. boulevard, 103. complexity, 104. anther, 105. desert, 106. concentration, 107. colony, 108. primal

109. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
110. p__t control *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
111. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
112. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
113. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
114. a barely det_____le change *adj.* capable of being discovered or identified
115. high po___n count *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
116. pa_____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 109. survival, 110. pest, 111. healthcare, 112. mold, 113. disorient, 114. detectable, 115. pollen, 116. parasite

117. a p__t of bean plants *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
118. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
119. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
120. ni_____en absorption *n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
121. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
122. al_____a sprouts *n.* a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
123. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
124. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
125. di_____fy my portfolio *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

ANSWERS: 117. pest, 118. nest, 119. migrate, 120. nitrogen, 121. humming, 122. alfalfa, 123. label, 124. transport, 125. diversify

126. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
127. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
128. 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
129. pre_____us job *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions
130. natural pr_____is *n.* a resinous substance collected by bees from various plants, trees, and buds, used to seal and protect their hives, acting as a form of insulation and defense against external threats, often used in human health products due to its potential antimicrobial and antioxidant properties
131. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
132. sy_____ic fertilizer *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
133. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
134. un_____on occurrence *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare

ANSWERS: 126. evolve, 127. extend, 128. mass, 129. precarious, 130. propolis, 131. statistics, 132. synthetic, 133. afford, 134. uncommon

135. snip at a he__e *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
136. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
137. ni____ne patch *n.* a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system
138. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
139. lead to des____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
140. an___r pollen *n.* the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen
141. app____ive nod *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
142. fl___l kingdom *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers
143. un____on talents *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
144. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
145. ne___r of the gods *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring

ANSWERS: 135. hedge, 136. bloom, 137. nicotine, 138. toxic, 139. destructive, 140. anther, 141. appreciative, 142. floral, 143. uncommon, 144. lab, 145. nectar

146. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
147. on be____f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
148. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
149. banned he_____de *n.* a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants
150. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
151. 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
152. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
153. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
154. sy_____ic fiber *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
155. al____d butter *n.* a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

ANSWERS: 146. vibrate, 147. behalf, 148. contaminate, 149. herbicide, 150. harvest, 151. labor, 152. efficient, 153. property, 154. synthetic, 155. almond

156. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
157. inner con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
158. so_____n production *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
159. fe____r fish *n.* an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process
160. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
161. pai_____sh icon *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
162. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
163. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
164. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 156. disrupt, 157. conscience, 158. soybean, 159. feeder, 160. medicinal, 161. paintbrush, 162. engage, 163. release, 164. compromise

165. blo_____er mosquito *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
166. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
167. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
168. fl___l design *adj.* relating to or resembling flowers
169. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
170. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
171. apply fu_____de *n.* a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals
172. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
173. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
174. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
175. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 165. bloodsucker, 166. charismatic, 167. circulate, 168. floral, 169. release, 170. statistics, 171. fungicide, 172. communal, 173. sticky, 174. contaminate, 175. disrupt

176. im___e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
177. pol_____or species *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
178. cl___r leaf *n.* a small plant with trifoliate leaves and small, typically white or pink flowers, often used as a fodder crop or for soil improvement due to its ability to fix nitrogen in the soil
179. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
180. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
181. al_____te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
182. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
183. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
184. snake neu_____in *n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system

ANSWERS: 176. immune, 177. pollinator, 178. clover, 179. wildlife, 180. desert, 181. allocate, 182. commerce, 183. large-scale, 184. neurotoxin

185. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
186. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
187. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
188. app_____ive audience *adj.* expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment
189. graze in the me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
190. fr_____cy band *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
191. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
192. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
193. the cross-pol_____on of the arts *n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds

ANSWERS: 185. influenza, 186. crop, 187. nutrition, 188. appreciative, 189. meadow, 190. frequency, 191. vast, 192. cement, 193. pollination

194. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
195. do____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
196. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
197. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
198. pr___l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
199. have ho___w legs *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
200. rec_____te lost data *v.* to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion
201. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
202. car_____ate metabolism *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
203. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
204. tree re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

ANSWERS: 194. meadow, 195. dominate, 196. divide, 197. stem, 198. primal, 199. hollow, 200. recuperate, 201. disease, 202. carbohydrate, 203. decline, 204. resin

205. aerobic or _____sm	<i>n.</i> a tiny living thing
206. fa_____nd acreage	<i>n.</i> land used for farming or agricultural purposes
207. nu_____on intake	<i>n.</i> the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
208. he__e fund firm	<i>n.</i> a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
209. lucky fl__e	<i>n.</i> a stroke of luck or chance, often resulting in a positive outcome or unexpected success; an accidental or unplanned occurrence
210. lar_____le project	<i>adj.</i> involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
211. ev___e	<i>v.</i> to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
212. h_y cube	<i>n.</i> grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
213. th___e on pressure	<i>v.</i> to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
214. mi_____e a service	<i>v.</i> to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
215. al___d milk	<i>n.</i> a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes

ANSWERS: 205. organism, 206. farmland, 207. nutrition, 208. hedge, 209. fluke, 210.

large-scale, 211. evolve, 212. hay, 213. thrive, 214. migrate, 215. almond

216. lush l__n	<i>n.</i> a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
217. he_____de resistance	<i>n.</i> a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants
218. int_____te the person	<i>v.</i> (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior
219. tw___h of an eye	<i>v.</i> to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
220. m__e incident	<i>adj.</i> used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
221. sw___h through the tall trees	<i>v.</i> to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air
222. cha_____ic chairman	<i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
223. be_____er hat	<i>n.</i> a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops
224. cou_____ure strategy	<i>n.</i> an action taken to counter or offset another action
225. local apple or_____d	<i>n.</i> a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries
226. pe_____nt life insurance	<i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change

ANSWERS: 216. lawn, 217. herbicide, 218. intoxicate, 219. twitch, 220. mere, 221. swoosh, 222. charismatic, 223. beekeeper, 224. countermeasure, 225. orchard, 226. permanent

227. fruit ne___r *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
228. honeybees in h__es *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
229. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
230. synthetic re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
231. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
232. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
233. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
234. a ba__h of letters *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

ANSWERS: 227. nectar, 228. hive, 229. interact, 230. resin, 231. fuzzy, 232. greenhouse, 233. remarkable, 234. batch

235. rec_____te from illness *v.* to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion
236. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
237. a co____y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
238. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
239. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
240. fl__e accident *n.* a stroke of luck or chance, often resulting in a positive outcome or unexpected success; an accidental or unplanned occurrence
241. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
242. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
243. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

ANSWERS: 235. recuperate, 236. insect, 237. colony, 238. healthcare, 239. ingredient, 240. fluke, 241. tip, 242. interact, 243. harvest

244. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
245. bl_____m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
246. pai_____sh stroke *n.* a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
247. em_____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
248. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
249. lethal neu_____in *n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system
250. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
251. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
252. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

ANSWERS: 244. amazing, 245. blossom, 246. paintbrush, 247. emergent, 248. engage, 249. neurotoxin, 250. divide, 251. diversity, 252. diet

253. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
254. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
255. bu_____ee pollination *n.* a large, furry bee with black and yellow bands on its body that is known for its loud buzzing sound and its important role in pollinating plants
256. a h__e of activity *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
257. im_____ty response *n.* the ability of an organism to resist infection or disease, often due to the presence of antibodies
258. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
259. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
260. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
261. pol_____on by insect *n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
262. local be_____er *n.* a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops

ANSWERS: 253. consume, 254. eliminate, 255. bumblebee, 256. hive, 257. immunity, 258. medicinal, 259. maintain, 260. grocery, 261. pollination, 262. beekeeper

263. fertile fa____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
264. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
265. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
266. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
267. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
268. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
269. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
270. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
271. black-and-white bl__ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
272. medical dis_____ant *n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings
273. ti___e her vanity *v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

ANSWERS: 263. farmland, 264. dysfunction, 265. efficient, 266. insure, 267. row, 268. emergent, 269. grand, 270. soil, 271. bloom, 272. disinfectant, 273. tickle

274. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
275. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
276. homeless b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
277. group of or_____sms *n.* a tiny living thing
278. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
279. ha_____ld camera *adj.* designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
280. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
281. no_____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
282. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
283. guilty con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

ANSWERS: 274. stem, 275. fertilizer, 276. bum, 277. organism, 278. individual, 279. handheld, 280. bible, 281. nourish, 282. virus, 283. conscience

284. in_____za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
285. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
286. the gr_____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
287. di_____fy energy sources *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
288. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
289. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
290. pe_____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
291. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
292. the cell of the im___e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

ANSWERS: 284. influenza, 285. distance, 286. grocery, 287. diversify, 288. flee, 289. contribute, 290. pesticide, 291. fertilizer, 292. immune

293. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
294. a habit des____ve to health *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
295. she hit him int____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
296. hy____e practices *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
297. literature of pe____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
298. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
299. bee pr____is *n.* a resinous substance collected by bees from various plants, trees, and buds, used to seal and protect their hives, acting as a form of insulation and defense against external threats, often used in human health products due to its potential antimicrobial and antioxidant properties
300. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
301. in____t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 293. toxic, 294. destructive, 295. intentionally, 296. hygiene, 297. permanent, 298. diet, 299. propolis, 300. tip, 301. insect

302. n__n lights *n.* a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it
303. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
304. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
305. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
306. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
307. ant_____ic allergy *n.* a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria
308. 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
309. al_____a hay *n.* a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
310. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 302. neon, 303. commerce, 304. comprise, 305. fiction, 306. thrive, 307. antibiotic, 308. mass, 309. alfalfa, 310. label

311. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
312. in__t ingredients *adj.* lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
313. bo____r confidence *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
314. lazy b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
315. ho____d hair *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
316. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
317. su____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
318. 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
319. re____e after evaporation *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed

ANSWERS: 311. germ, 312. inert, 313. bolster, 314. bum, 315. hooked, 316. locate, 317. sustain, 318. bore, 319. residue

320. h_y asthma *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
321. arc _____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
322. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
323. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
324. ce___t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
325. public hy_____e *n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
326. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
327. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
328. a strain of vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
329. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 320. hay, 321. architecture, 322. circulate, 323. mere, 324. cement, 325. hygiene, 326. bible, 327. rely, 328. virus, 329. communicate

330. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
331. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
332. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
333. bo_____r the economy *v.* to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources
334. pathogenic ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
335. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
336. ant_____ic resistance *n.* a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria
337. cou_____ure plan *n.* an action taken to counter or offset another action
338. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
339. blood-sucking pa_____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 330. scrape, 331. wildlife, 332. disorient, 333. bolster, 334. bacteria, 335. greenhouse, 336. antibiotic, 337. countermeasure, 338. fuzzy, 339. parasite

340. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
341. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
342. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
343. so_____n oil *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
344. on his own be___f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
345. ba__h processing *n.* a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process
346. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
347. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
348. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

ANSWERS: 340. sticky, 341. absolutely, 342. distance, 343. soybean, 344. behalf, 345. batch, 346. lab, 347. agriculture, 348. twitch

349. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
350. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
351. ins_____de residue *n.* a substance used to kill insects
352. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
353. dis_____ant spray *n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings
354. corn mon_____re *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
355. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
356. le____l injection *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
357. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
358. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
359. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
360. brain dys_____on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

ANSWERS: 349. disease, 350. gorgeous, 351. insecticide, 352. complexity, 353. disinfectant, 354. monoculture, 355. butterfly, 356. lethal, 357. sustain, 358. naturally, 359. intentionally, 360. dysfunction

361. l__n mower *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
362. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
363. im____ty booster *n.* the ability of an organism to resist infection or disease, often due to the presence of antibodies
364. lingual di____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
365. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
366. abs____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
367. apple bl____m *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
368. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
369. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 361. lawn, 362. survival, 363. immunity, 364. diversity, 365. landscape, 366. absolutely, 367. blossom, 368. decision, 369. grand

370. aggressive ho_____ee *n.* a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
371. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
372. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
373. ha_____ld device *adj.* designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
374. pre_____us financial situation *adj.* not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

ANSWERS: 370. honeybee, 371. compound, 372. dominate, 373. handheld, 374. precarious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Smoking cigarettes exposes the body to high levels of _____ which can be addictive.
 - n. a colorless, oily, poisonous chemical compound found in tobacco leaves, which is highly addictive and acts as a stimulant, affecting the nervous system
2. The hospital uses a strong _____ to clean the operating room after each surgery.
 - n. a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings
3. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
 - n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
4. Bees are important _____ for many crops and plants.
 - n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
5. I love snacking on _____ for a healthy and delicious snack.
 - n. a type of nut that comes from the almond tree widely cultivated for its edible seeds, which is enclosed in a hard, ridged outer casing called a shell, that can be eaten raw or roasted and is often used in baking and as an ingredient in various dishes
6. The company hired a new advertising agency to _____ its marketing efforts.
 - v. to support or strengthen, often by adding extra assistance or resources

ANSWERS: 1. nicotine, 2. disinfectant, 3. healthcare, 4. pollinators, 5. almonds, 6. bolster

7. The team _____ players from different countries.
v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
8. The _____ extract in the lotion is believed to have anti-inflammatory properties, beneficial for sensitive skin.
n. a resinous substance collected by bees from various plants, trees, and buds, used to seal and protect their hives, acting as a form of insulation and defense against external threats, often used in human health products due to its potential antimicrobial and antioxidant properties
9. 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
10. _____ gas is used to inflate car tires because it does not react with rubber.
n. a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
11. Bees were buzzing around the _____
n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
12. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.
n. a shop that sells food and other household items
13. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
14. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 7. comprises, 8. propolis, 9. ingredient, 10. Nitrogen, 11. hive, 12. grocery, 13. dominates, 14. release

15. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

16. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

17. 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

18. Many different types of birds visited the bird _____.

n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening; a device or system that supplies something to a particular recipient or process

19. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

20. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to kill weeds.

n. a substance used to kill or control the growth of unwanted plants

21. A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial _____ populations.

n. a tiny living thing

22. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 15. divide, 16. disorient, 17. fiction, 18. feeder, 19. germ, 20. herbicide, 21. organism, 22. native

23. The rock was completely _____ and didn't react when we tried to break it open.
adj. lacking the ability to move or act, often used to describe an object or substance that is inactive or non-reactive
24. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
25. It was the most _____ storm in decades.
adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
26. Without bees to _____ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
27. The farmer harvested his _____ crop and took it to market.
n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
28. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
29. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
30. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

ANSWERS: 23. inert, 24. insure, 25. destructive, 26. pollinate, 27. soybean, 28. disrupt, 29. concentration, 30. architecture

31. She used a flat _____ to apply the final touches to the artwork.
n. a tool used for applying paint or other liquid substances to a surface, typically consisting of bristles or synthetic fibers attached to a handle
32. The object is _____ at ultraviolet wavelengths.
adj. capable of being discovered or identified
33. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.
n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
34. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
35. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
36. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
37. My neighbor is a professional _____ who sells honey at the local farmers' market.
n. a person who keeps bees, either for their honey or to pollinate crops
38. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

ANSWERS: 31. paintbrush, 32. detectable, 33. bible, 34. meadow, 35. eliminate, 36. row, 37. beekeeper, 38. toxic

39. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his _____ even if it meant losing the job.
- n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
40. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
41. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
- adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
42. 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.
43. The new shopping center is on a bustling _____ in the city's heart.
- n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
44. Good _____ is important for preventing the spread of illness.
- n.* the practice of maintaining cleanliness in the home and person to prevent illness
45. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.
- n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
46. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
- adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

ANSWERS: 39. conscience, 40. colony, 41. charismatic, 42. defend, 43. boulevard, 44. hygiene, 45. parasites, 46. primal

47. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

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

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

49. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

50. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.

- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

51. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.

- n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

52. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

53. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.

- n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

54. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

ANSWERS: 47. mold, 48. emergent, 49. landscape, 50. diet, 51. wildlife, 52. locate, 53. butterfly, 54. amazing

55. Foods high in _____ include bread, pasta, and rice.
n. (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
56. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
57. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.
n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
58. A rose has thorns on its _____.
n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
59. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.
adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
60. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.
adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
61. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
62. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 55. carbohydrates, 56. disease, 57. bloom, 58. stem, 59. efficient, 60. sticky, 61. permanent, 62. complexity

63. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.
n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
64. My allergies flare up during _____ season, making it difficult to breathe.
n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
65. Malignant hypertension is the most _____ form of hypertension.
adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
66. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
67. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
68. 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
69. The nightlife district was lit up with colorful _____ signs and bright lights.
n. a chemical element of atomic number 10 that is a gas with no smell or color, does not react with other chemicals, and shines with a bright light when electricity is passed through it
70. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 63. pesticide, 64. pollen, 65. lethal, 66. harvest, 67. headline, 68. engaged, 69. neon, 70. nourish

71. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

72. The garden was full of _____ that needed to be pulled.

n. a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants

73. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

74. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

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

75. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

76. I baked a _____ of cookies for the office party.

n. a quantity or group of things that are made or produced together and are considered to be the same or similar; an amount produced during a specified period of time or process

77. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

78. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

ANSWERS: 71. nest, 72. weeds, 73. extend, 74. frequency, 75. statistics, 76. batch, 77. rely, 78. virus

79. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

80. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

81. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

82. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

83. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

84. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

85. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

86. My son was _____ on the Internet.

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

87. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.

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

ANSWERS: 79. interact, 80. contaminate, 81. circulates, 82. lawn, 83. attractive, 84. insects, 85. Agriculture, 86. hooked, 87. allocated

88. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.
- n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
89. Vaccination is an effective way to build _____ against diseases.
- n.* the ability of an organism to resist infection or disease, often due to the presence of antibodies
90. She _____ described the complex scientific concept in simple terms everyone could understand.
- adv.* in a way that is appropriate or fitting; in a way that demonstrates understanding or intelligence
91. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
92. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
93. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.
- n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
94. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
95. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 88. compound, 89. immunity, 90. aptly, 91. Communal, 92. transportation, 93. protein, 94. vast, 95. commerce

96. Many plants have evolved _____ hairs as a mechanism to prevent self-pollination.
n. the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen
97. The technician used a _____ tool to fix the machine.
adj. designed to be held in one hand; portable, and compact enough to be carried or used on the go
98. The _____ effects of the psychedelic drug were unlike anything he had ever experienced.
adj. extremely impressive in a way that affects someone's mind or emotions
99. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
100. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
101. He was _____ gifted.
adv. as might be expected; by natural manners
102. The basketball _____ into the net, signaling the end of the game.
v. to move through the air with a rushing or hissing sound; to make such a sound; (noun) a sound that something makes when it moves quickly through the air
103. The tree had a _____ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.
adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

ANSWERS: 96. anther, 97. handheld, 98. mind-blowing, 99. fuzzy, 100. lab, 101. naturally, 102. swooshed, 103. hollow

104. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

105. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

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

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

107. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

108. The farmer owns an _____ where he grows apples, pears, and plums.

n. a piece of land that is planted with fruit trees, such as apples, pears, or cherries

109. For him, a glass of wine was an amount of alcohol sufficient to _____.

v. (of alcohol or a drug) to make someone lose control of their faculties or behavior

110. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

111. This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to _____.

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

112. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

ANSWERS: 104. humming, 105. evolved, 106. remarkable, 107. vibrate, 108. orchard, 109. intoxicate, 110. large-scale, 111. diversify, 112. fertilizers

113. The _____ hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.
- n.* a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
114. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.
- v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
115. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
- v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
116. The farmer grew a field of _____ to use as feed for his animals.
- n.* a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
117. The gardener used natural methods to keep _____ away from her plants.
- n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
118. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
119. He lost the election by _____ votes.
- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
120. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
- n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 113. honeybee, 114. cement, 115. thrive, 116. alfalfa, 117. pests, 118. tips, 119. mere, 120. property

121. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
122. 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
123. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.
- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
124. The best way to _____ financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.
- n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
125. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
- n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
126. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
- n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
127. The cherry _____ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

ANSWERS: 121. distance, 122. bored, 123. twitching, 124. hedge, 125. dysfunction, 126. farmland, 127. blossom

128. We sat on a ____ bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

n. grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

129. The rabbits happily grazed on the _____ field.

n. a small plant with trifoliate leaves and small, typically white or pink flowers, often used as a fodder crop or for soil improvement due to its ability to fix nitrogen in the soil

130. It was _____ for the store to have such a big sale.

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

131. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

132. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up ____ with nothing to show.

n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

133. The _____ process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.

n. the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds

134. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 128. hay, 129. clover-filled, 130. uncommon, 131. immune, 132. bum, 133. pollination, 134. grand

135. The plant nursery sprayed _____ on their seedlings to prevent damping-off disease.

n. a substance or chemical used to kill or inhibit the growth of fungi, typically used in agriculture, horticulture, or the treatment of fungal infections in humans or animals

136. The _____ arrangements at the wedding were breathtakingly beautiful.

adj. relating to or resembling flowers

137. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

138. The _____ of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.

n. a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring

139. 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

140. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

141. After surgery, it's important to rest and _____ before returning to your normal activities.

v. to recover, heal, or regain health, strength, or well-being after an illness, injury, or period of stress or exhaustion

142. There was a _____ of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.

n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed

ANSWERS: 135. fungicide, 136. floral, 137. sustain, 138. nectar, 139. nation, 140. desert, 141. recuperate, 142. residue

143. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
144. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of _____.
- n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
145. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
146. _____ farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.
- n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
147. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.
- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
148. I gave witness on her _____.
- n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
149. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
150. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 143. maintain, 144. influenza, 145. diversity, 146. Monoculture, 147. scraped, 148. behalf, 149. individual, 150. compromised

151. _____ diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.

adj. made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring

152. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

153. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

154. She would never _____ hurt anyone.

adv. in a planned or intended way

155. The media _____ had special passes.

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

156. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

157. The teacher was _____ of the student's dedication and hard work.

adj. expressing or feeling gratitude or admiration; showing recognition or understanding of the value or significance of something; receptive or responsive to something with pleasure or enjoyment

158. 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

ANSWERS: 151. Synthetic, 152. consume, 153. label, 154. intentionally, 155. representatives, 156. afford, 157. appreciative, 158. labor

159. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
160. 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
161. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
162. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
163. Certain types of fish contain _____ that can harm humans if ingested.
n. a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system
164. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.
n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
165. The government implemented several _____ to combat the spread of the virus.
n. an action taken to counter or offset another action
166. The farmer sprayed the crop with _____ to protect it from pests.
n. a substance used to kill insects

ANSWERS: 159. medicinal, 160. mass, 161. migrated, 162. contribute, 163. neurotoxins, 164. nutrition, 165. countermeasures, 166. insecticide

167. Winning the lottery was just a _____ I didn't expect it to happen.

- n.* a stroke of luck or chance, often resulting in a positive outcome or unexpected success; an accidental or unplanned occurrence

168. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

169. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

- n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

170. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

171. The guitar was coated with a _____ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

- n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

172. These models explain why you can't _____ yourself.

- v.* to lightly touch a sensitive part of somebody's body in a way that makes them laugh

173. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.

- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

ANSWERS: 167. fluke;, 168. communicate, 169. Bacteria, 170. survival, 171. resin, 172. tickle, 173. recreation

174. The lobbyist was accused of being a _____ using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his clients.

n. a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others

175. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

176. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

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

177. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

179. Sow early for an early _____.

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

180. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

adj. wonderful and attractive

181. He has been prescribed an _____ to treat his infection.

n. a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria

182. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 174. bloodsucker, 175. feast, 176. flee, 177. greenhouse, 178. absolutely, 179. crop, 180. gorgeous, 181. antibiotic, 182. decision

183. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

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

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

185. She had a _____ hold on the ladder and was afraid to move.

adj. not securely held or in position; dangerously unstable or uncertain; dependent on chance or uncertain conditions

186. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

187. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

ANSWERS: 183. ironic, 184. bumblebee's, 185. precarious, 186. declines, 187. Soil