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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### adventure

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

*synonym*: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

### investigate

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

*synonym*: examine, analyze, look into

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

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

### journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym*: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

- bewitch**                      *v.*    to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way  
*synonym* : charm, enchant, fascinate  
(1) hold the charm to **bewitch**, (2) **bewitch** him into a frog  
Her beauty **bewitched** him.
- reckless**                      *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions  
*synonym* : impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless  
(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner  
**Reckless** youth makes rueful age.
- scope**                         *n.*    the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that  
*synonym* : content, coverage, extent  
(1) **scope** of a project, (2) have broad **scope**  
The **scope** of human thought is diverse.
- gradual**                      *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt  
*synonym* : incremental, gradational, piecemeal  
(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change  
The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.
- diminish**                      *v.*    to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.  
*synonym* : decline, dwindle, lessen  
(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling  
As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.
- scratch**                      *v.*    to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object  
*synonym* : claw, rub, scrape  
(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature  
Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

## ecology

*n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

## 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.

## 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.

## horn

*n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

*synonym*: cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

## tusk

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

*synonym*: ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

## fang

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals

*synonym* : tooth, canine, tusk

(1) **fang** mark, (2) poison **fang**

The vampire bared its **fangs** and growled.

## claw

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

*synonym* : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

## possess

*v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

*synonym* : keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

## courage

*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

*synonym* : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

## aggression

*n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior

*synonym* : hostility, assertiveness, antagonism

(1) **aggression** by a hostile country, (2) naked **aggression**

The dog's **aggression** made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.

## navigate

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

*synonym* : guide, helm, voyage

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

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

## opportune

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

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

## constraint

*n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

*synonym* : limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time

**constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

## bump

*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

*synonym* : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

## conquer

*v.* to bring under control by force or authority

*synonym* : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

## uncertain

*adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

*synonym* : doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

## dominant

*adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

*synonym* : chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

## aim

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

*synonym* : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

## industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym* : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## encounter

*v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym* : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

## unmet

*adj.* describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled

*synonym* : unsatisfied, unfulfilled, unmatched

(1) **unmet** demand, (2) **unmet** needs

The **unmet** expectations of the customers led to a decrease in sales.

## privilege

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

*synonym* : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership  
In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## romanticize

*v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way

*synonym*: idealize, glorify, sentimentalize

(1) **romanticize** the past, (2) **romanticize** the idea of love  
It is easy to **romanticize** a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it

## evolutionary

*adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

*synonym*: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

**Evolutionary** algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

## lifespan

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym*: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## hunt

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

*synonym*: chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

## outcome

*n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

*synonym*: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**  
They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

## mortal

*adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

*synonym*: deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

## myopic

*adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan;  
narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

*synonym*: nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

## stumble

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym*: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## 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.

## spear

*n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

*synonym*: javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

## enrage

*v.* to make someone extremely angry

*synonym*: anger, incense, infuriate



(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics  
The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

## **giant**

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

## **aurochs**

*n.* an extinct species of wild oxen that inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa until the 17th century

(1) extinct **aurochs**, (2) **aurochs** skeleton

The cave paintings in Lascaux depict **aurochs** and other animals that were once native to Europe.

## **predict**

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## **authenticity**

*n.* the quality of being real or genuine

*synonym* : genuineness, originality, credibility

(1) **authenticity** verification, (2) lack **authenticity**

The museum's experts confirmed the **authenticity** of the painting.

## **intelligible**

*adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended

*synonym* : apprehensible, understandable, comprehensible

(1) **intelligible** pronunciation, (2) **intelligible** to anyone

He gave me an **intelligible** answer.

## **concept**

*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

*synonym* : idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

## unfamiliar

*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before

*synonym*: unknown, strange, foreign

(1) the **unfamiliar** surroundings, (2) around **unfamiliar** people

She was **unfamiliar** with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.

## devote

*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

## rewild

*v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

*synonym*: restore, return, rehabilitate

(1) **rewild** land, (2) **rewild** an area

The government is considering a plan to **rewild** certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.

## definition

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

*synonym*: description, connotation, meaning

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

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

## fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

## 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.

## ecosystem

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

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

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

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym* : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

## discovery

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

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

## widespread

*adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

*synonym* : across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

## trophic

*adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources

*synonym* : nutrient, nutritional, feeding

(1) **trophic** factor, (2) **trophic** transfer

The **trophic** level of an organism determines its position in the food chain.

## **cascade**

*n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

*synonym* : waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

## **process**

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

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

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

## **chain**

*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

*synonym* : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

## **tumble**

*v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

*synonym* : fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

## classic

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

*synonym* : definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature  
He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

## 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.

## 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.

## reintroduce

*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

*synonym* : bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

## slightly

*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

*synonym* : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

## absent

*adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time

*synonym* : missing, away, not present

(1) **absent-minded**, (2) **absent** without leave

He was **absent** from the meeting and missed all the important updates.

## vegetation

*n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

*synonym* : flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

## graze

*v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

*synonym* : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

## 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.

## trap

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

*synonym* : catch, snare, pinfall

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

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

## valley

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

*synonym* : canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

## gorge

*n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

*synonym* : canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River  
We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym* : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

## quintuple

*v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many

(1) **quintuple** their income, (2) **quintuple** angle

The team aims to **quintuple** its sales by the end of the fiscal year.

## bare

*adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

*synonym* : naked, exposed, uncovered

(1) **bare** minimum, (2) **bare** essentials

She wore a simple dress with a **bare** neckline

## aspen

*n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

*synonym* : tree, hardwood

(1) **aspen** grove, (2) golden **aspen** leaves

The **aspen** trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

## willow

*n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves

*synonym* : sallow, osier, saugh

(1) weeping **willow**, (2) **willow** overhanging the bank  
Under the **willow** tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.

## cotton

*n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

## songbird

*n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush  
*synonym*: songster

(1) migratory **songbird**, (2) tropical **songbird**

Federal law protects the majority of **songbirds**.

## migratory

*adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

*synonym*: nomadic, wandering, roving

(1) **migratory** species, (2) **migratory** route

The **migratory** birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

## greatly

*adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much  
*synonym*: enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

## beaver

*n.* a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges

*synonym*: rodent

(1) **beaver** dam, (2) an eager **beaver**

The mountain **beaver** built a dam to block the stream.

## engineer

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



*synonym* : architect, creator, builder

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

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

## niche

*n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

*synonym* : role, position, habitat

(1) **niche** market, (2) every **niche** of society

The species occupies a unique **niche** in the ecosystem as a top predator.

## dam

*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

*synonym* : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

## otter

*n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

(1) **otter** in the river, (2) sea- **otter** fur

The playful **otter** swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

## reptile

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

*synonym* : lizard, serpent, snake

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

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

## amphibian

*n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water

*synonym* : frog, toad, salamander

(1) **amphibian** species, (2) **amphibian** habitat

Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in

**amphibian** populations around the world.

## hawk

*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

*synonym* : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

## weasel

*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

(1) **weasel** words, (2) **weasel** her way out of doing the dishes

The **weasel's** long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

## badger

*n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

*synonym* : nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

## bald

*adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair

*synonym* : hairless, smooth, bare

(1) **bald** head, (2) become **bald**

He is completely **bald**, having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.

## eagle

*n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

*synonym* : bird of prey, raptor

(1) **eagle** feathers, (2) **eagle** eyes

The bald **eagle** symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

## shrub

*n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

*synonym* : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

## reinforce

*v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

*synonym* : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

## calf

*n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

*synonym* : baby cow, heifer, yearling

(1) baby **calf**, (2) a **calf** elephant

The newborn **calf** stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

## meander

*v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

*synonym* : wander, zigzag, twist

(1) **meander** down the river, (2) **meander** aimlessly

We decided to **meander** through the park and enjoy the scenery.

## erosion

*n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

*synonym*: corrosion, weathering, decay

(1) **erosion** control, (2) wind **erosion**

The **erosion** of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

## rifle

v. to quickly flip or shuffle through the pages of a book, document, or stack of papers; to move or pass quickly and lightly through something

*synonym*: shuffle, flip, flick

(1) **rifle** through papers, (2) **rifle** over pebbles and rocks

The librarian quickly **riffled** the returned book's pages to ensure no notes were left inside.

## sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

*synonym*: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

## 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**.

## stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

*synonym*: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

## collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

*synonym*: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

### similarly

*adv.* in almost the same way

*synonym* : also, likewise, ditto

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

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

### recover

*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

*synonym* : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

### 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.

### transform

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

*synonym* : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

### geography

*n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

*synonym* : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

### rational

*adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

*synonym* : logical, reasonable, sensible

(1) **rational** decision, (2) the **rational** faculty

The **rational** approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

## excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym* : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym* : administration, regime, state

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

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## whale

*n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

*synonym* : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

## krill

*n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

*synonym* : shrimp, plankton, zooplankton

(1) eat **krill**, (2) Antarctic **krill**

The decline in **krill** populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

There are **obvious** differences between the two

wine-producing regions.

## opposition

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

*synonym* : resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym* : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## 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.

## depth

*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

*synonym* : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

## biology

*n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

## politely

*adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

*synonym* :

courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

## feces

*n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement  
*synonym*: poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

## plume

*n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

*synonym*: feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

## photon

*n.* a unit or quantum of electromagnetic energy, typically regarded as a particle that is the basic constituent of all light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation

*synonym*: particle, quantum, light

(1) **photon** emission, (2) **photon** energy

Infrared cameras detect **photons** in the infrared range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

## zone

*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

*synonym*: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

## photosynthesis

*n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.



(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

## 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**.

## stimulate

*v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

*synonym* : excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

## phytoplankton

*n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed

(1) marine **phytoplankton**, (2) **phytoplankton** blooms

She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the **phytoplankton** they feed on.

## plankton

*n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

**Plankton** is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

## zooplankton

*n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed

(1) freshwater **zooplankton**, (2) floating **zooplankton**

The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of **zooplankton** in marine areas.

## plunge

*v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

*synonym* : dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

## column

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

*synonym* : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

## survive

*v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

*synonym* : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

## reproduce

*v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

*synonym* : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

## absorb

*v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

*synonym* : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

## carbon

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

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

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

## atmosphere

*n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

*synonym*: air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

## eventually

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

*synonym*: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

## filter

*n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

*synonym*: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

## abyss

*n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

*synonym*: chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

## atmospheric

*adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere

*synonym*: atmospherical, climatic

(1) doubling of **atmospheric** carbon dioxide,

(2) **atmospheric** pressure

The sea surface temperature and **atmospheric** circulation

are inextricably linked.

## historic

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

*synonym* : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat  
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

## responsible

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

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

## sequester

*v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

*synonym* : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions, (2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

## composition

*n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone

*synonym* : creating, formatting, arrangement

(1) age **composition** of the population, (2) the piano passages in the **composition**

Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of **composition**.

## hypothesis

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

*synonym* : assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**  
This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

## conceive

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

*synonym*: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child  
I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

## coherent

*adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

*synonym*: logical, consistent, clear

(1) a **coherent** explanation, (2) create a **coherent** system  
His writing was well-structured and **coherent**.

## regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

*synonym*: control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct  
We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

## accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

*synonym*: amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence  
He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

## fascinating

*adj.* extremely interesting

*synonym*: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me  
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

## 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.

## retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something  
*synonym*: possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

## fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property  
*synonym*: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

## drainage

n. the process of draining or the condition of being drained; the natural or artificial removal of water from an area or a system, usually due to rainfall or melting snow  
*synonym*: draining, runoff, sewage

(1) water **drainage**, (2) blocked **drainage**

The city's **drainage** system was inadequate for heavy rainfall, causing floods.

## ditch

n. a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away  
*synonym*: trench, channel, furrow

(1) agricultural **ditch**, (2) **ditch** my career

The farmers used **ditches** to drain water from their fields.

## 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**.

## assemblage

*n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way

*synonym*: gathering, collection, meeting

(1) sculptural **assemblage**, (2) an **assemblage** of tools

The **assemblage** of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.

## heath

*n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

*synonym*: moor, bog, swamp

(1) small **heath**, (2) **heath** habitat

The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the **heath**.

## 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.

## kelp

*n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

*synonym*: seaweed, marine algae

(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**

The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.

## reef

*n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

## decide

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

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action  
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly  
*synonym*: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report  
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

## alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice  
*synonym*: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**  
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

## advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way  
*synonym*: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship  
Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

## develop

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

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill  
We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

## estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

*synonym*: calculate, gauge, evaluate



(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

## reforestation

*n.* the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters

*synonym* : afforestation

(1) **reforestation** project, (2) **reforestation** policy

**Reforestation** efforts are necessary to combat deforestation and its negative environmental impact.

## retreat

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

*synonym* : escape, withdrawal, vacation

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

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

## hectare

*n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

## vacate

*v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

*synonym* : empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat

I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

## ambitious

*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

*synonym* : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has

**ambitious** goals.

## lynx

*n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America

*synonym*: feline, wildcat, bobcat

(1) **lynx** habitat, (2) **lynx** population

The Siberian **lynx** is a solitary hunter native to the boreal forests.

## bison

*n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

*synonym*: buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

## boar

*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

*synonym*: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

## moose

*n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia

*synonym*: elk, deer, antelope

(1) **moose** hunting, (2) **moose** population

The antlers of a bull **moose** can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.

## megafauna

*n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

*synonym*: large animals, large mammals

(1) **megafauna** extinction, (2) **megafauna** fossils

Many prehistoric **megafaunas**, such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.

## continent

*n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

*synonym* : landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion  
Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

## excavate

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

*synonym* : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

## gravel

*n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material

*synonym* : pebbles, stones, rocks

(1) **gravel** road, (2) **gravel** pit

We spread **gravel** over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.

## hippopotamus

*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

*synonym* : river horse, water horse, hippo

(1) **hippopotamus** habitat, (2) giant **hippopotamus**

The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.

## rhinoceros

*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

*synonym* : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently

born and is very cute.

## hyena

*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

*synonym*: jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

## glacial

*adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

*synonym*: cold, icy, frozen

(1) **glacial** movements, (2) **glacial** terrain

The **glacial** pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

## temperature

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

*synonym*: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

## climate

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

*synonym*: atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

## largely

*adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

*synonym*: mainly, chiefly, broadly

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

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

- rid**
- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person  
*synonym* : do away with, free, clear  
(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products  
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.
- destroy**
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely  
*synonym* : demolish, ruin, obliterate  
(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence  
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- shadow**
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner  
*synonym* : shade, silhouette, outline  
(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry  
The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- deciduous**
- adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth  
*synonym* : momentary, temporary, short-term  
(1) **deciduous** tree, (2) **deciduous** teeth  
**Deciduous** leafy trees dominate the forests of the lower region.
- sprout**
- v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly  
*synonym* : germinate, grow, bud  
(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings  
The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain

of the season.

## trunk

*n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow  
*synonym* : body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

## withstand

*v.* to resist the effect or impact of something  
*synonym* : endure, bear, resist

(1) **withstand** pressure, (2) **withstand** temptation

The new phone is waterproof and can **withstand** being dropped in water.

## bark

*n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals  
*synonym* : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon

He removed the **bark** from the tree.

## understory

*n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland  
*synonym* : underbrush, brushwood, forest floor

(1) **understory** vegetation, (2) **understory** habitat

The forest's **understory** is home to many plants and animals.

## canopy

*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it  
*synonym* : cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

## adapt

*v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment  
*synonym* : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed  
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

## resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

*synonym* : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

## straight

*adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

*synonym* : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

## relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

*synonym* : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

## temperate

*adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

*synonym* : moderate, mild, genial

(1) **temperate** grassland, (2) **temperate** behavior

The **temperate** climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

## creature

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

*synonym* : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists

had ever seen before.

## spine

*n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

*synonym* : backbone, vertebra, column

(1) the **spine** of a book, (2) a cervical **spine** injury

She has a minor curved **spine** due to desk work for many years.

## browse

*v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

*synonym* : look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

## 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.

## wander

*v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

*synonym* : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

## avenue

*n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach

*synonym* : artery, roadway, street

(1) an **avenue** of poplars, (2) an **avenue** to success

They explored every **avenue** they could think of.



## leafy

*adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

*synonym* : verdant, leaf-covered, foliated

(1) **leafy** canopy, (2) **leafy** suburbs

The neighborhood is known for its **leafy** trees and verdant gardens.

## enchant

*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

*synonym* : charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

## kingdom

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

*synonym* : empire, realm, land

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

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

## extinct

*adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym* : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym* : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## 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.

### ounce

*n.* a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams  
(1) **ounce** weight, (2) have an **ounce** of confidence  
One **ounce** of gold is worth much money.

### despair

*n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation  
*synonym* : dismay, anguish, misery  
(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**  
His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

### proceed

*v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress  
*synonym* : advance, progress, move ahead  
(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step  
We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

### silent

*adj.* without any or little sound  
*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute  
(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent  
The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

### replace

*v.* to take the place of something  
*synonym* : substitute, supersede, displace  
(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone  
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

### raucous

*adj.* harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise  
*synonym* : boisterous, noisy, loud  
(1) **raucous** laughter, (2) **raucous** crowd  
The **raucous** party next door kept us awake all night.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt explanation *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
2. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
3. st\_\_\_\_\_e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
4. doubling of atm\_\_\_\_\_ic carbon dioxide *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
5. 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
6. va\_\_\_\_\_e a property *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
7. me\_\_\_\_\_n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
8. k\_\_p forest *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
9. ref\_\_\_\_\_ion policy *n.* the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters
10. the ec\_\_\_\_\_y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

ANSWERS: 1. coherent, 2. eventually, 3. stumble, 4. atmospheric, 5. tip, 6. vacate, 7. mention, 8. kelp, 9. reforestation, 10. ecology

11. mental co\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
12. weeping wi\_\_\_w      *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
13. ch\_\_n reaction      *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
14. giant k\_\_p      *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
15. re\_\_\_\_\_e one word with another      *v.* to take the place of something
16. ba\_\_\_r territory      *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
17. meet with opp\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
18. le\_\_y suburbs      *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
19. have broad sc\_\_e      *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that

ANSWERS: 11. courage, 12. willow, 13. chain, 14. kelp, 15. replace, 16. badger, 17. opposition, 18. leafy, 19. scope

20. ra\_\_\_\_s crowd *adj.* harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise
21. create a co\_\_\_\_nt system *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
22. congressional h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
23. ex\_\_\_\_t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
24. an eager be\_\_\_\_r *n.* a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges
25. a cervical sp\_\_e injury *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
26. become b\_\_d *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
27. inv\_\_\_\_te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
28. the sp\_\_e of a book *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

ANSWERS: 20. raucous, 21. coherent, 22. hawk, 23. extinct, 24. beaver, 25. spine, 26. bald, 27. investigate, 28. spine

29. transistor ca\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
30. st\_\_\_\_\_te the nervous system *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
31. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_\_ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
32. fossil re\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
33. a cold cl\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
34. endangered bi\_\_n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
35. tr\_\_\_\_\_c transfer *adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources
36. a desirable ou\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
37. de\_\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
38. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 29. cascade, 30. stimulate, 31. historic, 32. reptile, 33. climate, 34. bison, 35. trophic, 36. outcome, 37. destroy, 38. decide

39. pr\_\_\_\_d with caution      *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
40. ge\_\_\_\_\_hy class      *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
41. have an ou\_\_e of confidence      *n.* a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams
42. b\_\_p against a wall      *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
43. as\_\_n grove      *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
44. wh\_\_e watching      *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
45. gi\_\_t tech company      *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
46. tr\_\_\_\_\_c factor      *adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources
47. barrier r\_\_f      *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
48. b\_\_p up prices      *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

ANSWERS: 39. proceed, 40. geography, 41. ounce, 42. bump, 43. aspen, 44. whale, 45. giant, 46. trophic, 47. reef, 48. bump

49. ad\_\_t fully to the environment      *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
50. re\_\_\_\_\_ce the painting      *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
51. po\_\_\_\_\_s a basic knowledge      *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
52. nodded po\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
53. rhi\_\_\_\_\_os habitat      *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
54. ad\_\_\_\_\_re film      *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
55. this mo\_\_\_l life      *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
56. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life      *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
57. small sh\_\_b      *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
58. we\_\_\_l her way out of doing the dishes      *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

ANSWERS: 49. adapt, 50. reproduce, 51. possess, 52. politely, 53. rhinoceros, 54. adventure, 55. mortal, 56. stumble, 57. shrub, 58. weasel



59. en\_\_\_e the international community     *v.*    to make someone extremely angry
60. ph\_\_\_n emission     *n.*    a unit or quantum of electromagnetic energy, typically regarded as a particle that is the basic constituent of all light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation
61. re\_\_\_\_\_e exhibition     *n.*    a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
62. re\_\_\_\_\_ce the military     *v.*    to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
63. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service     *v.*    to organize the production of something into an industry
64. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension     *n.*    the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
65. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng football player     *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
66. inv\_\_\_\_\_te the matter     *v.*    to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
67. a handle of h\_\_\_n     *n.*    a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
68. lowland me\_\_\_w     *n.*    a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

ANSWERS: 59. enrage, 60. photon, 61. reptile, 62. reinforce, 63. industrialize, 64. lifespan, 65. exciting, 66. investigate, 67. horn, 68. meadow

69. eve\_\_\_\_\_ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
70. long-ex\_\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
71. su\_\_\_\_\_e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
72. untold de\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
73. en\_\_\_\_\_er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
74. ou\_\_e weight *n.* a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams
75. with an am\_\_\_\_\_us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
76. an ab\_\_s of hopelessness *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
77. every ni\_\_e of society *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
78. pl\_\_\_\_\_on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
79. sh\_\_\_w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 69. eventually, 70. extinct, 71. survive, 72. despair, 73. encounter, 74. ounce, 75. ambitious, 76. abyss, 77. niche, 78. plankton, 79. shadow

80. br\_\_\_e through the text  
*v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
81. gr\_\_\_\_\_y support that player  
*adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
82. de\_\_h camera  
*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
83. set a t\_\_p  
*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
84. pr\_\_\_\_\_d to the next step  
*v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
85. re\_\_\_\_\_r a loss  
*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
86. increase sl\_\_\_\_\_ly  
*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
87. gr\_\_\_\_\_y affect the situation  
*adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
88. d\_m collapsing  
*n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
89. tu\_\_\_e down the hill  
*v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

ANSWERS: 80. browse, 81. greatly, 82. depth, 83. trap, 84. proceed, 85. recover, 86. slightly, 87. greatly, 88. dam, 89. tumble

90. opp\_\_\_\_\_on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
91. re\_\_\_d land *v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
92. the mo\_\_o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
93. strict time con\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
94. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
95. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
96. be\_\_\_r dam *n.* a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges
97. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
98. t\_\_p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
99. tropical veg\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
100. ca\_\_\_n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 90. opposition, 91. rewild, 92. motto, 93. constraint, 94. exciting, 95. evolve, 96. beaver, 97. statistics, 98. trap, 99. vegetation, 100. carbon

101. evolutionary bi\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
102. my\_\_\_\_c vision      *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
103. economic ge\_\_\_\_hy      *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
104. we\_\_\_\_l words      *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
105. achieve am\_\_\_\_us goals      *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
106. fe\_\_e post      *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
107. se\_\_\_\_er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions      *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
108. 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
109. ad\_\_\_\_e a cooperative relationship      *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 101. biology, 102. myopic, 103. geography, 104. weasel, 105. ambitious, 106. fence, 107. sequester, 108. mass, 109. advance

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| 110. a mo___l combat           | <i>adj.</i> subject to death; unrelenting and deadly   |
| 111. he_____e land             | <i>n.</i> a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters   |
| 112. de___e all of my energies | <i>v.</i> to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose   |
| 113. inspire co_____e          | <i>n.</i> the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous |
| 114. de_____r at the future    | <i>n.</i> the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation  |
| 115. am_____an habitat         | <i>n.</i> a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water  |
| 116. gas fi___r                | <i>n.</i> any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light               |
| 117. de___d against a threat   | <i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.   |
| 118. st_____te the economy     | <i>v.</i> to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions  |
| 119. tree and sh__bs           | <i>n.</i> a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil  |
| 120. ri___e through papers     | <i>v.</i> to quickly flip or shuffle through the pages of a book, document, or stack of papers; to move or pass quickly and lightly through something      |

ANSWERS: 110. mortal, 111. hectare, 112. devote, 113. courage, 114. despair, 115. amphibian, 116. filter, 117. defend, 118. stimulate, 119. shrub, 120. riffle

121. de\_\_\_e my own life                    *v.*    to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
122. the tr\_\_k of the tree                *n.*    the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
123. learn new co\_\_\_\_\_ts              *n.*    an idea or principle associated with something abstract
124. con\_\_\_\_\_nt on business activity    *n.*    a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
125. gr\_\_e the left shoulder              *v.*    to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
126. pl\_\_e of feathers                    *n.*    a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
127. de\_\_\_d my country                  *v.*    to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
128. change the ec\_\_\_\_\_em              *n.*    all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
129. es\_\_\_\_\_te a fair value              *v.*    to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
130. cell and molecular bi\_\_\_\_\_y        *n.*    the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
131. ex\_\_\_e for inaction                 *n.*    a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 121. devote, 122. trunk, 123. concept, 124. constraint, 125. graze, 126. plume, 127. defend, 128. ecosystem, 129. estimate, 130. biology, 131. excuse

132. te\_\_\_\_\_te behavior *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
133. fe\_\_s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
134. le\_\_y canopy *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
135. ref\_\_\_\_\_ion project *n.* the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters
136. en\_\_\_\_\_t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
137. st\_\_\_\_\_ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
138. ra\_\_\_\_\_s laughter *adj.* harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise
139. ea\_\_e eyes *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

ANSWERS: 132. temperate, 133. feces, 134. leafy, 135. reforestation, 136. enchant, 137. straight, 138. raucous, 139. eagle



140. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
141. interstate co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
142. de\_\_\_\_\_p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
143. a precise def\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
144. wild b\_\_r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
145. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
146. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
147. ea\_\_e feathers *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
148. cast off a h\_\_k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
149. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 140. fascinate, 141. commerce, 142. develop, 143. definition, 144. boar, 145. opportune, 146. government, 147. eagle, 148. hawk, 149. amazing

150. extreme tem\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
151. ca\_\_\_n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
152. gi\_\_t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
153. wi\_\_\_\_\_nd temptation *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
154. the unf\_\_\_\_\_ar surroundings *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
155. the atmospheric tem\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
156. ex\_\_\_\_\_te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
157. de\_\_\_\_\_us tree *adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
158. qu\_\_\_\_\_le angle *v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many
159. giant hip\_\_\_\_\_mus *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

ANSWERS: 150. temperature, 151. carbon, 152. giant, 153. withstand, 154. unfamiliar, 155. temperature, 156. excavate, 157. deciduous, 158. quintuple, 159. hippopotamus

160. po\_\_\_\_s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
161. gl\_\_\_\_l movements *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
162. American bi\_\_n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
163. rem\_\_\_\_le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
164. mi\_\_\_\_ry species *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
165. re\_\_\_\_n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
166. trees with rough b\_\_k *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
167. agricultural di\_\_h *n.* a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away
168. st\_\_\_\_ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
169. te\_\_\_\_te grassland *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

ANSWERS: 160. possess, 161. glacial, 162. bison, 163. remarkable, 164. migratory, 165. retain, 166. bark, 167. ditch, 168. stabilize, 169. temperate

170. rom\_\_\_\_\_ze the past      *v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way
171. br\_\_\_e a website      *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
172. sh\_\_\_w puppetry      *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
173. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product      *adv.* now or without delay
174. co\_\_\_n cloth      *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
175. wid\_\_\_\_\_ad use      *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
176. de\_\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem      *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
177. qu\_\_\_\_\_le their income      *v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many

ANSWERS: 170. romanticize, 171. browse, 172. shadow, 173. immediately, 174. cotton, 175. widespread, 176. destroy, 177. quintuple

178. the ab\_\_s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
179. sc\_\_\_\_\_h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
180. re\_\_\_\_\_te our conduct *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
181. mi\_\_\_\_\_ry route *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
182. around unf\_\_\_\_\_ar people *adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
183. in a re\_\_\_\_\_ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
184. get r\_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
185. re\_\_\_t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
186. a st\_\_\_\_\_ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
187. wi\_\_\_w overhanging the bank *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
188. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 178. abyss, 179. scratch, 180. regulate, 181. migratory, 182. unfamiliar, 183. reckless, 184. rid, 185. resist, 186. straight, 187. willow, 188. complexity

189. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm an education system      *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
190. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a child      *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
191. 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
192. ba\_\_\_\_r him with questions      *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
193. migratory so\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
194. an av\_\_\_\_e to success      *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
195. ab\_\_\_\_b a shock      *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
196. the ra\_\_\_\_\_al faculty      *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
197. ev\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 189. transform, 190. conceive, 191. bore, 192. badger, 193. songbird, 194. avenue, 195. absorb, 196. rational, 197. evolve

198. sp\_\_\_t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
199. the local chamber of co\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
200. b\_\_d head *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
201. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
202. coral r\_\_fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
203. rom\_\_\_\_\_ze the idea of love *v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way
204. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
205. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
206. freshwater zoo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
207. wa\_\_\_r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
208. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 198. sprout, 199. commerce, 200. bald, 201. hunt, 202. reef, 203. romanticize, 204. gradual, 205. alternative, 206. zooplankton, 207. wander, 208. obvious

209. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st                    *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
210. sc\_\_e of a project                                *n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
211. the go\_\_es of the Yangtse River                *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
212. me\_\_\_\_\_na fossils                            *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
213. golden as\_\_n leaves                            *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
214. di\_\_\_\_\_sh swelling                            *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
215. a convivial atm\_\_\_\_\_re                        *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
216. he\_\_h habitat                                      *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
217. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark                        *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 209. journalist, 210. scope, 211. gorge, 212. megafauna, 213. aspen, 214. diminish, 215. atmosphere, 216. heath, 217. opportune



218. re\_\_\_\_te blood sugar levels      *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
219. pr\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
220. dense veg\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
221. gr\_\_\_\_l pit      *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
222. ab\_\_\_\_t without leave      *adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time
223. f\_\_g mark      *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
224. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine      *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
225. cast the go\_\_e      *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
226. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
227. eat kr\_\_l      *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

ANSWERS: 218. regulate, 219. predict, 220. vegetation, 221. gravel, 222. absent, 223. fang, 224. journalist, 225. gorge, 226. engineer, 227. krill

228. naked agg\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
229. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
230. na\_\_\_\_\_te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
231. re\_\_\_e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
232. the piano passages in the com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
233. give si\_\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
234. re\_\_\_n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
235. wi\_\_\_\_\_nd pressure *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
236. sc\_\_\_\_\_h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
237. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 228. aggression, 229. nation, 230. navigate, 231. relate, 232. composition, 233. silent, 234. retain, 235. withstand, 236. scratch, 237. process

238. co\_\_\_\_\_r fatal disease      *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
239. a subordinate ki\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
240. me\_\_\_\_\_r aimlessly      *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
241. st\_\_\_\_\_ze blood sugar levels      *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
242. ca\_\_\_\_y layer      *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
243. a chemical fer\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
244. science of ec\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
245. re\_\_\_\_t temptation      *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
246. sculptural ass\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
247. do\_\_\_\_\_nt force      *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
248. establish his ki\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

ANSWERS: 238. conquer, 239. kingdom, 240. meander, 241. stabilize, 242. canopy, 243. fertilizer, 244. ecology, 245. resist, 246. assemblage, 247. dominant, 248. kingdom

249. sharp-pointed sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
250. de\_\_\_\_\_us teeth *adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
251. the rem\_\_\_\_\_le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
252. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
253. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
254. phy\_\_\_\_\_ton blooms *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
255. spotted hy\_\_a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
256. en\_\_\_e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
257. wid\_\_\_\_\_ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
258. a brushwood fe\_\_e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

ANSWERS: 249. spear, 250. deciduous, 251. remarkable, 252. process, 253. industrialize, 254. phytoplankton, 255. hyena, 256. enrage, 257. widespread, 258. fence

259. en\_\_\_\_t the audience      *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
260. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_\_ge      *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
261. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
262. company mo\_\_o      *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
263. re\_\_\_d an area      *v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
264. ca\_\_\_\_\_e connection      *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
265. process of pho\_\_\_\_\_sis      *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
266. acc\_\_\_\_\_te evidence      *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
267. va\_\_\_y bottom      *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
268. Chinese cl\_\_\_\_\_c literature      *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 259. enchant, 260. privilege, 261. discovery, 262. motto, 263. rewild, 264. cascade, 265. photosynthesis, 266. accumulate, 267. valley, 268. classic

269. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
270. graze in the me\_\_\_\_w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
271. tr\_\_\_\_\_rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
272. turn cattle out to gr\_\_e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
273. re\_\_\_\_\_ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
274. marine phy\_\_\_\_\_ton *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
275. b\_\_k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
276. re\_\_\_\_\_r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
277. agg\_\_\_\_\_on by a hostile country *n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
278. t\_\_k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
279. di\_\_h my career *n.* a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away

ANSWERS: 269. fascinate, 270. meadow, 271. transform, 272. graze, 273. reproduce, 274. phytoplankton, 275. bark, 276. recover, 277. aggression, 278. tusk, 279. ditch

280. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
281. the de\_\_h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
282. housing per he\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
283. an ass\_\_\_\_\_ge of tools *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
284. ecology and evo\_\_\_\_\_ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
285. my\_\_\_c thinking *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
286. ex\_\_\_\_\_te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
287. s\_\_ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
288. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
289. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
290. sea-ot\_\_r fur *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

ANSWERS: 280. adventure, 281. depth, 282. hectare, 283. assemblage, 284. evolutionary, 285. myopic, 286. excavate, 287. soil, 288. nation, 289. crucial, 290. otter

291. rei\_\_\_\_\_ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
292. parched s\_\_l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
293. poison f\_\_g *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
294. au\_\_\_\_\_s skeleton *n.* an extinct species of wild oxen that inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa until the 17th century
295. fas\_\_\_\_\_ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
296. the evo\_\_\_\_\_ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
297. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
298. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
299. blocked dr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the process of draining or the condition of being drained; the natural or artificial removal of water from an area or a system, usually due to rainfall or melting snow
300. re\_\_\_\_\_ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
301. und\_\_\_\_\_ry vegetation *n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland
302. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 291. reintroduce, 292. soil, 293. fang, 294. aurochs, 295. fascinating, 296. evolutionary, 297. obvious, 298. gradual, 299. drainage, 300. reinforce, 301. understory, 302. complexity



303. ad\_\_t as needed      *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
304. ab\_\_\_t-minded      *adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time
305. clogged fi\_\_\_r      *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
306. hy\_\_a den      *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
307. take an un\_\_\_\_\_in attitude      *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
308. tropical so\_\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
309. baby c\_\_f      *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
310. int\_\_\_\_\_ble to anyone      *adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
311. the stock market co\_\_\_\_\_sed      *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
312. co\_\_\_\_\_nt urinary diversion      *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
313. ab\_\_\_b energy      *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
314. mo\_\_e population      *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia

ANSWERS: 303. adapt, 304. absent, 305. filter, 306. hyena, 307. uncertain, 308. songbird, 309. calf, 310. intelligible, 311. collapse, 312. continent, 313. absorb, 314. moose

315. en\_\_\_\_\_er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
316. hip\_\_\_\_\_mus habitat *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
317. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
318. improved student ou\_\_\_\_\_es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
319. acc\_\_\_\_\_te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
320. b\_\_e essentials *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something
321. si\_\_\_\_\_ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
322. di\_\_\_\_\_sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
323. re\_\_\_\_\_t in a mountain region *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life

ANSWERS: 315. encounter, 316. hippopotamus, 317. engineer, 318. outcome, 319. accumulate, 320. bare, 321. similarly, 322. diminish, 323. retreat

324. ri\_\_\_e over pebbles and rocks      *v.* to quickly flip or shuffle through the pages of a book, document, or stack of papers; to move or pass quickly and lightly through something
325. wa\_\_\_r far from home      *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
326. ra\_\_\_\_al decision      *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
327. ad\_\_\_\_e the technology      *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
328. ni\_\_e market      *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
329. la\_\_\_\_y accepted      *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
330. me\_\_\_\_n in a report      *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
331. time z\_\_e      *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
332. the def\_\_\_\_\_on of a word      *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
333. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy      *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
334. hi\_\_\_\_ic accomplishment      *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
335. b\_\_e minimum      *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

ANSWERS: 324. riffle, 325. wander, 326. rational, 327. advance, 328. niche, 329. largely, 330. mention, 331. zone, 332. definition, 333. government, 334. historic, 335. bare

336. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service     *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
337. 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
338. si\_\_\_t reading     *adj.* without any or little sound
339. age com\_\_\_\_\_on of the population     *n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
340. po\_\_\_\_\_ly ask     *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
341. 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
342. lack aut\_\_\_\_\_ity     *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
343. mo\_\_e hunting     *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
344. a bull wh\_\_e     *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

ANSWERS: 336. responsible, 337. mass, 338. silent, 339. composition, 340. politely, 341. bore, 342. authenticity, 343. moose, 344. whale

345. co\_\_\_\_ve of an idea                    *v.*    to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
346. es\_\_\_\_te this chicken to weigh three pounds                    *v.*    to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
347. c\_\_w marks                    *n.*    a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
348. wind er\_\_\_\_n                    *n.*    the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
349. int\_\_\_\_ble pronunciation                    *adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
350. res\_\_\_\_le action                    *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
351. ot\_\_r in the river                    *n.*    a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
352. 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
353. un\_\_t needs                    *adj.* describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled

ANSWERS: 345. conceive, 346. estimate, 347. claw, 348. erosion, 349. intelligible, 350. responsible, 351. otter, 352. tip, 353. unmet

354. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
355. sl\_\_\_\_\_ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
356. pl\_\_\_\_\_e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
357. s\_\_t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
358. re\_\_\_\_\_t deeper into their territory *n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
359. me\_\_\_\_\_r down the river *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
360. l\_\_x population *n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America
361. su\_\_\_\_\_n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
362. have si\_\_\_\_\_ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
363. bird and other wi\_\_\_\_\_fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

ANSWERS: 354. statistics, 355. slightly, 356. plunge, 357. sect, 358. retreat, 359. meander, 360. lynx, 361. sustain, 362. similarly, 363. wildlife

364. floating zoo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
365. nonsynthetic fer\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
366. t\_\_k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
367. supply ch\_\_n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
368. a\_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
369. cr\_\_\_\_\_re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
370. a co\_\_\_n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
371. pr\_\_\_\_\_t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
372. test my hyp\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
373. re\_\_\_e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 364. zooplankton, 365. fertilizer, 366. tusk, 367. chain, 368. aim, 369. creature, 370. column, 371. predict, 372. hypothesis, 373. relate

374. li\_\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
375. sp\_\_\_\_t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
376. gl\_\_\_\_\_l terrain *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
377. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
378. marine ec\_\_\_\_\_em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
379. an av\_\_\_\_e of poplars *n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
380. l\_\_x habitat *n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America
381. perfect ex\_\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
382. culture of co\_\_\_\_n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 374. lifespan, 375. sprout, 376. glacial, 377. amazing, 378. ecosystem, 379. avenue, 380. lynx, 381. excuse, 382. cotton



383. under a ca\_\_\_y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
384. na\_\_\_\_\_te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
385. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* now or without delay
386. basin-shaped va\_\_\_y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
387. completely fas\_\_\_\_\_ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
388. la\_\_\_\_\_y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
389. pl\_\_\_e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
390. b\_\_r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
391. a c\_\_f elephant *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
392. er\_\_\_\_\_n control *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
393. am\_\_\_\_\_an species *n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
394. the inland of a co\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 383. canopy, 384. navigate, 385. immediately, 386. valley, 387. fascinating, 388. largely, 389. plunge, 390. boar, 391. calf, 392. erosion, 393. amphibian, 394. continent

395. confidence tu\_\_\_es as unemployment rates rose *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
396. aut\_\_\_\_\_ity verification *n.* the quality of being real or genuine
397. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
398. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
399. d\_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
400. hunting sp\_\_r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
401. oxygenic pho\_\_\_\_\_sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
402. und\_\_\_\_\_ry habitat *n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland
403. co\_\_\_\_\_t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
404. co\_\_\_\_\_r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
405. pl\_\_\_\_\_on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

ANSWERS: 395. tumble, 396. authenticity, 397. decide, 398. alternative, 399. dam, 400. spear, 401. photosynthesis, 402. understory, 403. concept, 404. conquer, 405. plankton

406. extinct au\_\_\_\_s *n.* an extinct species of wild oxen that inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa until the 17th century
407. water dr\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the process of draining or the condition of being drained; the natural or artificial removal of water from an area or a system, usually due to rainfall or melting snow
408. a cl\_\_\_\_c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
409. z\_\_e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
410. be\_\_\_\_h him into a frog *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
411. pl\_\_e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
412. rei\_\_\_\_ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
413. a\_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
414. pr\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
415. the tr\_\_k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

ANSWERS: 406. aurochs, 407. drainage, 408. classic, 409. zone, 410. bewitch, 411. plume, 412. reintroduce, 413. aim, 414. privilege, 415. trunk



424. achieve a do\_\_\_\_\_nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
425. ready to co\_\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
426. carbon dioxide in the atm\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
427. ph\_\_\_\_n energy *n.* a unit or quantum of electromagnetic energy, typically regarded as a particle that is the basic constituent of all light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation
428. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
429. human fe\_\_s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
430. re\_\_\_\_\_ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
431. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
432. un\_\_t demand *adj.* describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled
433. effects of cl\_\_\_\_\_e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
434. re\_\_\_\_\_e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
435. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 424. dominant, 425. collapse, 426. atmosphere, 427. photon, 428. crucial, 429. feces, 430. reckless, 431. discovery, 432. unmet, 433. climate, 434. replace, 435. hunt

436. atm\_\_\_\_\_ic pressure      *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
437. white rhi\_\_\_\_\_os      *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
438. hold the charm to be\_\_\_\_\_h      *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
439. the spinal co\_\_\_\_n      *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
440. secret s\_\_t      *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
441. small he\_\_h      *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
442. gr\_\_\_\_l road      *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
443. a bold hyp\_\_\_\_\_is      *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
444. wi\_\_\_\_\_fe sanctuary      *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

ANSWERS: 436. atmospheric, 437. rhinoceros, 438. bewitch, 439. column, 440. sect, 441. heath, 442. gravel, 443. hypothesis, 444. wildlife

445. numerous un\_\_\_\_\_in factors      *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
446. c\_\_w hammer      *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
447. r\_d the body of waste products      *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
448. su\_\_\_\_\_e a plane crash      *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 445. uncertain, 446. claw, 447. rid, 448. survive

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. They explored every \_\_\_\_\_ they could think of.  
*n.* a wide road in a town or city, especially with trees or tall buildings on both sides; a line of approach
  
2. The deep sea is an \_\_\_\_\_ of mystery and discovery.  
*n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.  
*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
  
4. His writing was well-structured and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
  
5. Proper disposal of \_\_\_\_\_ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.  
*n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
  
6. Ozone is a primary \_\_\_\_\_ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.  
*n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
  
7. The price of raw \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise.  
*n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
  
8. 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: 1. avenue, 2. abyss, 3. chain, 4. coherent, 5. feces, 6. filter, 7. cotton, 8. complexity



9. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.  
*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
10. We must pass through the narrow \_\_\_\_\_ with a stream running through it.  
*n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
11. The decline in \_\_\_\_\_ populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.  
*n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ for an overseas expansion.  
*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
13. As people get old, their energies may \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
14. The new phone is waterproof and can \_\_\_\_\_ being dropped in water.  
*v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
15. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.  
*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.  
*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 9. historic, 10. gorge, 11. krill, 12. aim, 13. diminish, 14. withstand, 15. relate, 16. giant

17. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of human thought is diverse.
- n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
19. The archaeologists \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.
- n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
21. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
22. We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ through the park and enjoy the scenery.
- v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
23. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.
- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
24. The coast was lined with beds of \_\_\_\_\_ swaying in the tide.
- n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

ANSWERS: 17. adventures, 18. scope, 19. excavated, 20. hyena's, 21. excuse, 22. meander, 23. exciting, 24. kelp

25. \_\_\_\_\_ youth makes rueful age.

*adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

26. The city's \_\_\_\_\_ system was inadequate for heavy rainfall, causing floods.

*n.* the process of draining or the condition of being drained; the natural or artificial removal of water from an area or a system, usually due to rainfall or melting snow

27. He was \_\_\_\_\_ from the meeting and missed all the important updates.

*adj.* not present in a particular place at a particular time

28. Parallel lines are, by \_\_\_\_\_ lines on the same plane that never cross.

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

29. The bear used its \_\_\_\_\_ to catch a fish in the river.

*n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

30. Our knowledge helps \_\_\_\_\_ our clients successfully.

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

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

*n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

32. The fairy's spell \_\_\_\_\_ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

*v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

ANSWERS: 25. Reckless, 26. drainage, 27. absent, 28. definition, 29. claw, 30. navigate, 31. erosion, 32. enchanted

33. You must \_\_\_\_\_ your anxiety about driving.  
*v.* to bring under control by force or authority
34. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-\_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
35. We \_\_\_\_\_ in a souvenir shop.  
*v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
36. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.  
*v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
37. Alligators are a type of \_\_\_\_\_ that live in swamps and rivers.  
*n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
38. He gave me an \_\_\_\_\_ answer.  
*adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
39. The hunter tracked the \_\_\_\_\_ through the forest for a good shot.  
*n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
40. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.  
*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 33. conquer, 34. hawk, 35. browsed, 36. devoted, 37. reptile, 38. intelligible, 39. boar, 40. evolved

41. The sponge \_\_\_\_\_ water well.  
*v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
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 Siberian \_\_\_\_\_ is a solitary hunter native to the boreal forests.  
*n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ expectations of the customers led to a decrease in sales.  
*adj.* describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
46. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
47. We can now \_\_\_\_\_ with the next item on our agenda.  
*v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
48. The vessel ran aground on a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
49. The government is planning to \_\_\_\_\_ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.  
*v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

ANSWERS: 41. absorbs, 42. defend, 43. lynx, 44. unmet, 45. migratory, 46. decide, 47. proceed, 48. reef, 49. reintroduce

50. The lush \_\_\_\_\_ was covered in wildflowers.

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

51. Federal law protects the majority of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush

52. He removed the \_\_\_\_\_ from the tree.

*n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

53. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

54. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

55. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

*v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

56. They \_\_\_\_\_ admired our actions.

*adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

57. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

58. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

ANSWERS: 50. meadow, 51. songbirds, 52. bark, 53. obvious, 54. ecosystem, 55. collapsed, 56. greatly, 57. engineer, 58. temperatures

59. The newspaper devoted several \_\_\_\_\_ to the affair.
- n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
60. The election was a \_\_\_\_\_ success for the Whigs.
- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
61. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.
- v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
62. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their \_\_\_\_\_ with beer.
- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
63. The pond's \_\_\_\_\_ was around five feet.
- n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
64. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
65. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
66. The neighborhood is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ trees and verdant gardens.
- adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

ANSWERS: 59. columns, 60. remarkable, 61. industrialize, 62. horns, 63. depth, 64. government, 65. whale, 66. leafy

67. We \_\_\_\_\_ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

68. She wore a simple dress with a \_\_\_\_\_ neckline

*adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

69. The corporation \_\_\_\_\_ dominated the entire tobacco business.

*adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

70. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

71. The zoo has a new \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit that popularly attracts families.

*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

72. The magic tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the children.

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

73. The playful \_\_\_\_\_ swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

*n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

74. \_\_\_\_\_ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

*adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

ANSWERS: 67. estimated, 68. bare, 69. eventually, 70. journalists, 71. hippopotamus, 72. fascinated, 73. otter, 74. Evolutionary



75. She was \_\_\_\_\_ about her friend's intentions.  
*adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
76. His \_\_\_\_\_ view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.  
*adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
77. The forest's \_\_\_\_\_ is home to many plants and animals.  
*n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland
78. The museum's experts confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the painting.  
*n.* the quality of being real or genuine
79. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.  
*adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
80. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.  
*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
81. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.  
*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
82. Their company has been in business for a short time but has \_\_\_\_\_ goals.  
*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

ANSWERS: 75. uncertain, 76. myopic, 77. understory, 78. authenticity, 79. temperate, 80. process, 81. gradual, 82. ambitious

83. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.  
*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
84. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.  
*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
85. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
86. 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
87. The \_\_\_\_\_ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.  
*n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
88. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.  
*n.* a living being, especially an animal
89. The minority \_\_\_\_\_ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.  
*n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
90. The \_\_\_\_\_ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.  
*n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

ANSWERS: 83. predict, 84. stumbled, 85. amazing, 86. mass, 87. opposition, 88. creature, 89. sect, 90. cascade

91. I chose to \_\_\_\_\_ cancer by trying every possible treatment.  
*v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
92. The sea surface temperature and \_\_\_\_\_ circulation are inextricably linked.  
*adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
93. Trees absorb \_\_\_\_\_ dioxide and give off oxygen.  
*n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
94. \_\_\_\_\_ efforts are necessary to combat deforestation and its negative environmental impact.  
*n.* the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters
95. 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
96. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.  
*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
97. 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
98. He displayed the \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms of depression.  
*adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 91. resist, 92. atmospheric, 93. carbon, 94. Reforestation, 95. bored, 96. zone, 97. nation, 98. classic

99. She was \_\_\_\_\_ with the city and got lost while trying to find her way back to the hotel.  
*adj.* not known or recognized; not experienced or encountered before
100. One such rapidly growing \_\_\_\_\_ is quantum cryptography.  
*n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
101. The \_\_\_\_\_ thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.  
*n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
102. The conservation area has an abundance of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
103. By remaining neutral, this \_\_\_\_\_ continued to exist.  
*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
104. The sheep \_\_\_\_\_ on the green grass in the meadow.  
*v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
105. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural \_\_\_\_\_ around her garden.  
*n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
106. The bald \_\_\_\_\_ symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.  
*n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

ANSWERS: 99. unfamiliar, 100. concept, 101. badger's, 102. wildlife, 103. kingdom, 104. graze, 105. fence, 106. eagle

107. The government is considering a plan to \_\_\_\_\_ certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.
- v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
108. The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
109. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in \_\_\_\_\_ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
110. The dog's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for its owners to take it for a walk.
- n.* the act of attacking or assaulting; hostile or violent behavior
111. The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of \_\_\_\_\_ in marine areas.
- n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
112. The \_\_\_\_\_ party next door kept us awake all night.
- adj.* harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise
113. She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the \_\_\_\_\_ they feed on.
- n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
114. The forest's \_\_\_\_\_ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.
- n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

ANSWERS: 107. rewild, 108. heath, 109. biology, 110. aggression, 111. zooplankton, 112. raucous, 113. phytoplankton, 114. canopy

115. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ your mosquito bites.

- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

116. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

117. We must \_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.

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

118. Infrared cameras detect \_\_\_\_\_ in the infrared range of the electromagnetic spectrum.

- n.* a unit or quantum of electromagnetic energy, typically regarded as a particle that is the basic constituent of all light and other forms of electromagnetic radiation

119. These are \_\_\_\_\_ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

- n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

120. The committee \_\_\_\_\_ several apparent inconsistencies.

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

121. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

- adj.* no longer in existence

ANSWERS: 115. scratch, 116. atmosphere, 117. rid, 118. photons, 119. shrubs, 120. investigated, 121. extinct

122. 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

123. In \_\_\_\_\_ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

- n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

124. The team aims to \_\_\_\_\_ its sales by the end of the fiscal year.

- v. to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many

125. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

126. It is easy to \_\_\_\_\_ a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it

- v. to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way

127. Nevada is \_\_\_\_\_ a desert state.

- adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

128. The enemy fell right into the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 122. sustain, 123. photosynthesis, 124. quintuple, 125. develop, 126. romanticize, 127. largely, 128. trap

129. The budget \_\_\_\_\_ forced them to make difficult decisions.  
*n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
130. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.  
*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
131. The museum houses a \_\_\_\_\_ collection of Celtic artifacts.  
*adj.* extremely interesting
132. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.  
*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
133. The \_\_\_\_\_ long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.  
*n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
134. It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ to stand up for what you believe is right.  
*n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
135. The \_\_\_\_\_ pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.  
*adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
136. \_\_\_\_\_ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.  
*n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

ANSWERS: 129. constraint, 130. rhinoceros, 131. fascinating, 132. alternative, 133. weasel's, 134. courage, 135. glacial, 136. Soil



137. We must manage to \_\_\_\_\_ our expenditure.

- v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

138. I advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ to his new surroundings.

- v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

139. Flight across the \_\_\_\_\_ was a daring adventure in its day.

- n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

140. Her beauty \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

141. Hounds \_\_\_\_\_ their prey by using their keen scent.

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

142. The raising of interest rates \_\_\_\_\_ the inflation rate.

- v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

143. The value of the currency \_\_\_\_\_ against major international currencies.

- v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

144. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

145. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ he'd want to harm us.

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

ANSWERS: 137. regulate, 138. adapt, 139. continent, 140. bewitched, 141. hunt, 142. stabilizes, 143. tumbled, 144. trunk, 145. conceive

146. We spread \_\_\_\_\_ over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.
- n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
147. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.
- adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
148. The mountain \_\_\_\_\_ built a dam to block the stream.
- n.* a large, semiaquatic rodent with a wide, flat tail and webbed feet, noted for its ability to build dams and lodges
149. Many people go on a \_\_\_\_\_ to recharge and reconnect with themselves.
- n.* the act of moving back or withdrawing from a position or situation; a period of rest or relaxation away from work or everyday life
150. The vampire bared its \_\_\_\_\_ and growled.
- n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
151. All humans are \_\_\_\_\_ and will eventually die.
- adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
152. \_\_\_\_\_ leafy trees dominate the forests of the lower region.
- adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
153. He \_\_\_\_\_ a good sense of humor.
- v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

ANSWERS: 146. gravel, 147. rational, 148. beaver, 149. retreat, 150. fangs, 151. mortal, 152. Deciduous, 153. possesses

154. This evidence supports the big-bang \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
155. He approved their requests to \_\_\_\_\_ the jury.
- v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
156. The tree cast a \_\_\_\_\_ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
157. \_\_\_\_\_ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
158. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
159. Many prehistoric \_\_\_\_\_ such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.
- n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
160. He was sick for five \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 154. hypothesis, 155. sequester, 156. shadow, 157. Climate, 158. tusks, 159. megafaunas, 160. straight

161. My father's death \_\_\_\_\_ my life completely.

*v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

162. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the area is quite diverse.

*n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

163. Computers help people \_\_\_\_\_ specific memories.

*v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

164. The \_\_\_\_\_ trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

*n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

165. The flowers in the garden began to \_\_\_\_\_ after the first rain of the season.

*v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

166. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

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

167. Large herds of \_\_\_\_\_ used to live on the plains of this area.

*n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

168. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

ANSWERS: 161. transformed, 162. vegetation, 163. retain, 164. aspen, 165. sprout, 166. discovery, 167. bison, 168. opportune

169. Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in \_\_\_\_\_ populations around the world.
- n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
170. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
171. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.
- n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
172. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
173. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
174. The company's profits \_\_\_\_\_ after the recall of their new product.
- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
175. The break in the \_\_\_\_ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
176. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.
- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 169. amphibian, 170. encounter, 171. lifespan, 172. statistics, 173. reproduce, 174. plunged, 175. dam, 176. recovering

177. He moved his body \_\_\_\_\_ to the left.

*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

178. He has \_\_\_\_\_ his wealth through real estate investments.

*v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

179. Her company soon won a \_\_\_\_\_ market share.

*adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

180. The \_\_\_\_\_ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

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

181. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* now or without delay

182. The species occupies a unique \_\_\_\_\_ in the ecosystem as a top predator.

*n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

183. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.

*n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

184. The bird had a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ on its head.

*n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

ANSWERS: 177. slightly, 178. accumulated, 179. dominant, 180. valley, 181. immediately, 182. niche, 183. privilege, 184. plume

185. \_\_\_\_\_ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
- n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
186. His friend's death drove him to \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
187. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
188. She accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ into him in the crowded room.
- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
189. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
190. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.
- v.* to take the place of something
191. One \_\_\_\_\_ of gold is worth much money.
- n.* a unit of weight equal to approximately 28 grams
192. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my apartment by the end of the month.
- v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

ANSWERS: 185. Plankton, 186. despair, 187. destroyed, 188. bumped, 189. ecology, 190. replace, 191. ounce, 192. vacate

193. Their innovative concepts were consistent across their bodies of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the different parts of something's elements or ingredients; the way in which the different components are organized; a piece of music written by someone
194. She did well on her \_\_\_\_\_ exam.
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
195. These birds can only \_\_\_\_\_ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
196. The \_\_\_\_\_ level of an organism determines its position in the food chain.
- adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources
197. He is completely \_\_\_\_\_ having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.
- adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
198. I \_\_\_\_\_ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
199. 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
200. The farm spans over 100 \_\_\_\_\_ of land.
- n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

ANSWERS: 193. composition, 194. geography, 195. survive, 196. trophic, 197. bald, 198. mentioned, 199. tips, 200. hectares



201. She has a minor curved \_\_\_\_\_ due to desk work for many years.

- n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

202. Under the \_\_\_\_\_ tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.

- n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves

203. Ancient people made \_\_\_\_\_ with wood entirely.

- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

204. The \_\_\_\_\_ of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.

- n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way

205. The antlers of a bull \_\_\_\_\_ can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.

- n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia

206. This company has invested heavily in Internet \_\_\_\_\_.

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

207. We argue that wages for temporary workers should \_\_\_\_\_ rise.

- adv.* in almost the same way

208. The newborn \_\_\_\_\_ stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

- n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

ANSWERS: 201. spine, 202. willow, 203. spears, 204. assemblage, 205. moose, 206. commerce, 207. similarly, 208. calf

209. 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
210. In medieval times, death punishment was \_\_\_\_\_ and socially accepted.
- adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
211. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.
- adj.* without any or little sound
212. They awaited news of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
213. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
214. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.
- adj.* extremely vital or necessary
215. The book \_\_\_\_\_ my imagination.
- v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
216. The librarian quickly \_\_\_\_\_ the returned book's pages to ensure no notes were left inside.
- v.* to quickly flip or shuffle through the pages of a book, document, or stack of papers; to move or pass quickly and lightly through something

ANSWERS: 209. fertilizers, 210. widespread, 211. silent, 212. outcome, 213. responsible, 214. crucial, 215. stimulated, 216. riffled

217. We should \_\_\_\_\_ the troops at the front line.

- v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

218. I often \_\_\_\_\_ around the park for half an hour.

- v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

219. Scientific knowledge will \_\_\_\_\_ significantly with the power of AI.

- v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

220. She \_\_\_\_\_ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

- adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

221. The cave paintings in Lascaux depict \_\_\_\_\_ and other animals that were once native to Europe.

- n. an extinct species of wild oxen that inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa until the 17th century

222. The farmers used \_\_\_\_\_ to drain water from their fields.

- n. a long, narrow, and shallow depression or channel that is dug into the ground; (verb) to throw away

223. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

- n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

224. The news of the betrayal \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- v. to make someone extremely angry

ANSWERS: 217. reinforce, 218. wander, 219. advance, 220. politely, 221. aurochs, 222. ditches, 223. motto, 224. enraged

ANSWERS: