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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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.

### plutocrat

*n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage

*synonym*: wealthy person, tycoon, magnate

(1) political **plutocrat**, (2) tech **plutocrat**

The wealthy **plutocrat** owned several companies and a private jet.

### apologetic

*adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

*synonym*: sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

### capitalism

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

*synonym* : commercialism

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

**Capitalism** also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

## cofounder

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

## investor

*n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

*synonym* : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

## quantity

*n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude

*synonym* : abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

## unbelievable

*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

*synonym* : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

## broad

*adj.* very wide; general

*synonym* : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind  
He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

## perspective

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

*synonym*: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

## reward

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

*synonym*: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards  
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

## obscene

*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

*synonym*: improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story  
He made an **obscene** gesture.

## yacht

*n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

*synonym*: boat, vessel, ship

(1) **yacht** owner, (2) luxury **yacht**  
We spent the weekend sailing our **yacht** around the Mediterranean.

## mediocre

*adj.* of only average quality; not very good

*synonym*: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent  
He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

## consequence

*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

*synonym* : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

## spectacular

*adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

*synonym* : breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

## circumstance

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

*synonym* : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

## unusually

*adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected

*synonym* : exceptionally, remarkably, outstandingly

(1) **unusually** cheerful, (2) look **unusually** serious

The team's performance has been **unusually** poor this season.

## tolerance

*n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

*synonym* : acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

## intuition

*n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

*synonym* : instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

## essence

*n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

*synonym*: core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of the matter.

## entrepreneurship

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

*synonym*: self-employment, risk-taking

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

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

## pitchfork

*n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials

*synonym*: hayfork, trident, pikestaff

(1) **pitchfork** attack, (2) **pitchfork** protest

The angry mob marched towards the mansion with **pitchforks** and torches in hand.

## mob

*n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

*synonym*: crowd, throng, horde

(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence

The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.

## avarice

*n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness

*synonym*: greed, covetousness, rapacity

(1) unbridled **avarice**, (2) his **avarice** knew no bounds  
His **avarice** for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.

## fellow

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you  
*synonym*: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

## 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.

## trend

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

*synonym*: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

## inequality

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

*synonym*: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

## function

*n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the

input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

*synonym* : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

## democracy

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

*synonym* : self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## 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.

## wealth

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

*synonym* : affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## concentration

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

*synonym* : attention, engagement, assiduity

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

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

## tippy

*adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable

*synonym* :

tilting, inclined, wobbly

(1) **tippy** toes, (2) **tippy** boat

Be careful walking on this **tippy** bridge, as it's unstable.

## feudalism

*n.* a social and economic system that was prevalent in medieval Europe, in which the nobility controlled land and resources, and peasants or serfs worked the land in exchange for protection and a share of the produce; a hierarchical system characterized by a rigid social structure based on land ownership and loyalty

*synonym*: serfdom, manorialism, fiefdom

(1) **feudalism** system, (2) medieval **feudalism**

The **feudalism-based** society of the Middle Ages had a strict hierarchy of lords and vassals.

## rentier

*n.* a person whose income is derived primarily or solely from the ownership or investment in property, land, or other assets; someone who earns money through rent or income from investments rather than through labor or work

*synonym*: investor, capitalist, landlord

(1) **rentier** class, (2) wealthy **rentier**

She lived a **rentier** lifestyle, traveling the world and enjoying her inheritance without ever having to work a day in her life.

## revolution

*n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

*synonym*: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

## zillion

*n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity

*synonym*: countless, myriad



(1) a **zillion** photos of my childhood, (2) **zillion** possibilities  
The company received a **zillion** complaints about their faulty product.

## **bubble**

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

*synonym*: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**  
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

## **glaring**

*adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

*synonym*: blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

## **economy**

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

*synonym*: finance, trade, business

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

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

## **inequity**

*n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

*synonym*: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

## 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.

## unequal

*adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

*synonym* : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

## uprising

*n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority

*synonym* : revolt, rebellion, insurgency

(1) stage an **uprising**, (2) violent **uprising**

The anti-government **uprising** was successful in overthrowing the regime.

## moral

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

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## argument

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

*synonym* : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

## argue

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

reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym* : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

## ultimate

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

*synonym* : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

## defeat

*v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

*synonym* : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

## ford

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

*synonym* : crossing, traversing, passing

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

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

## introduction

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

*synonym* : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

## prevailing

*adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

*synonym* : dominant, prevalent, current

(1) **prevailing** wind, (2) **prevailing** trend

The **prevailing** opinion was that the project would be a success.

## wage

*n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services  
*synonym*: payment, compensation, salary

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

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

## convert

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

*synonym*: alter, remake, transform

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

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

## exploit

*v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

*synonym*: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

## automobile

*n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

*synonym*: car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance

The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.

## thrive

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

*synonym*: bloom, flourish, prosper

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

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

## afford

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

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost  
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

## intuit

v. to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively

*synonym*: perceive, sense, grasp

(1) **intuit** the motive, (2) **intuit** a solution

From her experience with similar projects, she could **intuit** the most efficient way to complete the task.

## 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**.

## loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

*synonym*: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

## hire

v. to give somebody a job

*synonym*: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

## profit

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

*synonym*: earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

## virtue

*n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

*synonym* : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

## prosperity

*n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune

*synonym* : affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym* : accurate, exact, distinct

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

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

## 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.

## trickle

*v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities

*synonym* : dribble, flow, seep

(1) **trickle** down my cheek, (2) **trickle** from his eyes

Water was beginning to **trickle** into the basement after the heavy rain.

## policy

*n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

*synonym* : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a

more inclusive workplace.

## dominate

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

*synonym*: govern, rule, prevail

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

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

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

## economics

*n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

*synonym*: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

## reject

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

*synonym*: decline, turn down, repudiate

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

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

## neoclassical

*adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

(1) **neoclassical** economics, (2) **neoclassical** music

The **neoclassical** style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.

## efficient

*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

*synonym* : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

## linear

*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph

*synonym* : straight, direct, right

(1) **linear** trend, (2) a **linear** equation

People tend to make **linear** predictions.

## mechanism

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

*synonym* : means, method, system

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

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

## equilibrium

*n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

*synonym* : balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

## 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.



## adaptive

*adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

*synonym* : flexible, adjustable, pliant

(1) the **adaptive** coloring, (2) **adaptive** technology

The **adaptive** learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

## efficiently

*adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

*synonym* : expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

## allocate

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

*synonym* : apportion, assign, distribute

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

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

## genius

*n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

*synonym* : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

## 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.

## 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.

## degree

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

*synonym* : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

## entrepreneur

*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

*synonym* : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**  
**Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

## contribute

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

*synonym* : donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

## solver

*n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

*synonym* : thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

## diverse

*adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities;  
various

*synonym* : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

## participate

*v.* to take part in something

*synonym* : take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## consume

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

*synonym* : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

## maxim

*n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

*synonym* : adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**

A good **maxim** is never out of season.

## accident

*n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

*synonym* : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

## invest

*v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

*synonym* : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and

actively **invest** in them.

## prosperous

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

*synonym* : successful, thriving, affluent

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

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

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

## infrastructure

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

*synonym* : foundation, framework

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

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

## median

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

*synonym* : middle, center

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

**Median** annual income fell last year in this country.

## pants

*n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

*synonym* : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

## admire

*v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

*synonym* : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

## nick

*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

*synonym* : incision, dent, indentation

(1) a **nick** on the fender of a car, (2) **nick** on my hand

The interviewer arrived in a **nick** of time.

## insane

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

*synonym* : crazy, mad, foolish

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

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

## proposal

*n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

*synonym* : offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

## mayor

*n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government

*synonym* : governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

## ordinance

*n.* a law or regulation enacted by a local government or governing authority; typically used about laws that concern public health, safety, or morals

*synonym* : regulation, decree, law

(1) city **ordinance**, (2) county **ordinance**

The town council passed an **ordinance** banning the use of plastic bags.

## employee

*n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

*synonym*: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

## taxpayer

*n.* a person who pays taxes to the government

*synonym*: contributor, payer, financier

(1) **taxpayer** money, (2) delinquent **taxpayer**

As a **taxpayer**, he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

## relieve

*v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

*synonym*: alleviate, ease, assuage

(1) **relieve** his thirst, (2) **relieve** stress

The medicine **relieved** his headache, and he felt much better.

## burden

*n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

*synonym*: obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

## poverty

*n.* the condition of being extremely poor

*synonym*: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

## medical

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

*synonym*: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment  
The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

## assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

*synonym*: help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

## compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

*synonym*: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

## orthodox

*adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

*synonym*: traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

## reaction

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

*synonym*: response, reply, answer

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

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

## politician

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

*synonym*: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

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

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

## echo

*n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

*synonym*: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

## employ

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

*synonym*: hire, engage, use

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

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

## contravene

*v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations

*synonym*: breach, violate, transgress

(1) **contravene** the protocol, (2) **contravene** the rules

The company's decision to **contravene** safety regulations put its employees at risk.

## outsource

*v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

*synonym*: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

## automated

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

*synonym*: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

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

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

## export

*v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in



a format that other programs can use

*synonym* : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

## risky

*adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

*synonym* : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

## experiment

*n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

*synonym* : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## disagree

*v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

*synonym* : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

## continuation

*n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

*synonym* : continuance

(1) **continuation** ceremony, (2) **continuation** of trial

The present economic policy is a **continuation** of the preceding one.

## 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.

**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.

**unemployed** *adj.* not having a job, although able to work  
*synonym* : idle, inactive, jobless  
(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**  
My father was **unemployed** for so long.

**slide** *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption  
*synonym* : glide, drift, drop  
(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance  
If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

**boom** *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound  
*synonym* : roaring, prosperity, boost  
(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**  
The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

**fundamental** *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected  
*synonym* : basic, essential, entire  
(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights  
Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

**complicated** *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze  
*synonym* : complex, convoluted, intricate  
(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

## complicated

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

## dynamics

*n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

*synonym*: mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

## insist

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

*synonym*: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

## skyrocket

*v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;

*synonym*: rocket, soar, shoot up

(1) **skyrocket** the cost, (2) price **skyrocketed**

Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have **skyrocketed** dramatically.

## 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.

## insidious

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

*synonym*: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

## claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

*synonym*: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

## oppose

v. to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening

*synonym*: match, resist, confront

(1) **oppose** a decision, (2) publicly **oppose**

I strongly **oppose** the new proposed law that would harm our environment.

## nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

*synonym*: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

## dispense

v. to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients

*synonym*: distribute, allocate, deal out

(1) **dispense** with ceremony, (2) **dispense** justice

The pharmacist started to **dispense** medication to patients.

## rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

*synonym*: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to

persuade people with his words.

## 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.

## barefoot

*adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

*synonym* : bare, shoeless, unshod

(1) **barefoot** walk, (2) **barefoot** fashion

The **barefoot** hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

## dirt

*n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

*synonym* : filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

## acknowledge

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

*synonym* : accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

## 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.

## shrink

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

*synonym*: decrease, diminish, shy away

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

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

## 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.

## slash

*v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement

*synonym*: cut, gash

(1) **slash** a person with a knife, (2) price **slash**

The government had to **slash** national defense spending due to the recession.

## inclusive

*adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

*synonym*: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

## competitive

*adj.* involving competition or competitiveness

*synonym*: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

## invention

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

*synonym*: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## multiply

*v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

*synonym* : boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

**Multiply** a number by itself twice.

## inexorable

*adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect

*synonym* : relentless, implacable, unyielding

(1) **inexorable** decline, (2) **inexorable** force

His **inexorable** determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.

## maximum

*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

*synonym* : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

## 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.

## balance

*n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

*synonym* : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

## essential

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

*synonym* : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

## affordable

*adj.* not expensive and able to pay

*synonym* : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

## healthcare

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

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

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

## progressive

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

*synonym* : advanced, forward-thinking, modern

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

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

## indispensable

*adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary

*synonym* : critical, essential, integral

(1) an **indispensable** duty, (2) foods **indispensable** to good nutrition

She is **indispensable** to our team.

## shrewd

*adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner



*synonym* : astute, sharp, clever

(1) **shrewd** negotiation tactics, (2) **shrewd** observation

The **shrewd** businessman always knew the right moves to make to succeed.

## economical

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

*synonym* : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

## enforce

*v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

*synonym* : execute, implement, administer

(1) **enforce** the law, (2) **enforce** a contract

Governments make rules, and police **enforce** them.

## encode

*v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

*synonym* : transcribe, convert

(1) **encode** data, (2) **encode** information

The software can **encode** and decode encrypted messages.

## preference

*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

*synonym* : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

## prejudice

*n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

*synonym* : bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**  
This community is free of social **prejudice**.

## persuasive

*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

*synonym* : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker  
He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

## relative

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym* : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

## balloon

*n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

*synonym* : aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem  
The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

## debt

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

*synonym* : liability, obligation, deficit

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

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

## bankrupt

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

*synonym* : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

## divine

*adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred

*synonym* : godly, holy, sacred

(1) **divine** intervention, (2) **divine** grace

The view from the mountaintop was truly **divine**.

## transparent

*adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

*synonym* : translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

## self-serving

*adj.* concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage

*synonym* : self-centered, egocentric, self-absorbed

(1) **self-serving** attitude, (2) **self-serving** bias

The politician's **self-serving** actions were met with criticism from the public.

## commit

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

*synonym* : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

## dynamic

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

*synonym* : energetic, active, vital

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

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

## communal

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

*synonym* : collaborative, combined, collective

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

of funds

**Communal** elections were held in several European countries.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. false cl\_\_m  
*v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
2. eff\_\_\_\_\_ly combined  
*adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
3. aff\_\_\_\_\_le solution  
*adj.* not expensive and able to pay
4. ti\_\_y boat  
*adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
5. pre\_\_\_\_\_ng wind  
*adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
6. religious to\_\_\_\_\_ce  
*n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
7. con\_\_\_\_\_ne the protocol  
*v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations
8. a n\_\_k on the fender of a car  
*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
9. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a security hole  
*v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. claim, 2. efficiently, 3. affordable, 4. tippy, 5. prevailing, 6. tolerance, 7. contravene, 8. nick, 9. exploit

10. acc\_\_\_\_\_te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
11. th\_\_\_e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
12. luxury ya\_\_t *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities
13. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
14. the e\_\_o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
15. com\_\_\_\_\_ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
16. pr\_\_\_\_\_e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
17. acc\_\_\_\_\_te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
18. develop software more eff\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
19. the def\_\_\_\_\_on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
20. ar\_\_e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
21. assignment for the une\_\_\_\_\_ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work

ANSWERS: 10. accumulate, 11. thrive, 12. yacht, 13. complicated, 14. echo, 15. competitive, 16. precise, 17. accumulate, 18. efficiently, 19. definition, 20. argue, 21. unemployed

22. re\_\_\_t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
23. ba\_\_\_\_ot fashion *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
24. woolly pa\_\_s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
25. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
26. co\_\_\_\_\_er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
27. or\_\_\_\_ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
28. delinquent ta\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
29. in\_\_\_\_or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
30. a li\_\_\_\_r equation *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
31. con\_\_\_\_\_ion ceremony *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
32. ma\_\_\_\_e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 22. reject, 23. barefoot, 24. pants, 25. economical, 26. cofounder, 27. orthodox, 28. taxpayer, 29. investor, 30. linear, 31. continuation, 32. massive

33. sl\_\_e a card across the table      *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
34. pi\_\_\_\_\_rk attack      *n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials
35. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate      *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
36. co\_\_\_\_\_al combination of funds      *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
37. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory      *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
38. ba\_\_\_\_\_n into a severe political problem      *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
39. billionaire ent\_\_\_\_\_eur      *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
40. material we\_\_\_\_h      *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
41. beginning of the industrial rev\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
42. change ri\_\_y behavior      *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 33. slide, 34. pitchfork, 35. democracy, 36. communal, 37. complexity, 38. balloon, 39. entrepreneur, 40. wealth, 41. revolution, 42. risky



43. tr\_\_\_\_\_e from his eyes      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
44. carry a bu\_\_\_\_n      *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
45. ba\_\_\_\_pt business      *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
46. political pl\_\_\_\_\_at      *n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage
47. achieve spe\_\_\_\_\_ar growth      *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
48. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design      *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
49. the ma\_\_\_\_\_m speed      *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
50. an ind\_\_\_\_\_ble duty      *adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
51. con\_\_\_\_\_ne the rules      *v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations
52. co\_\_\_\_\_e fiercely      *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
53. a com\_\_\_\_\_ve price      *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness

ANSWERS: 43. trickle, 44. burden, 45. bankrupt, 46. plutocrat, 47. spectacular, 48. experiment, 49. maximum, 50. indispensable, 51. contravene, 52. compete, 53. competitive

54. m\_b psychology *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
55. a blazing ar\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
56. dy\_\_\_\_cs of group *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
57. unintended con\_\_\_\_ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
58. in\_\_\_\_ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
59. en\_\_\_\_e data *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
60. exit from a l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
61. un\_\_\_\_l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
62. immune fu\_\_\_\_on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 54. mob, 55. argument, 56. dynamics, 57. consequence, 58. inclusive, 59. encode, 60. loop, 61. unequal, 62. function

63. su\_\_\_\_\_n a wellness lifestyle      *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
64. ma\_\_\_\_\_m limit      *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
65. marine ec\_\_\_\_\_em      *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
66. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program      *v.* to take part in something
67. details of his pr\_\_\_\_\_al      *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
68. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
69. li\_\_\_\_r trend      *adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
70. the per\_\_\_\_\_ve of the battle      *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
71. to\_\_\_\_\_ce for risk      *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
72. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time      *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
73. unbridled av\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
74. a person of di\_\_\_\_\_e talents      *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 63. sustain, 64. maximum, 65. ecosystem, 66. participate, 67. proposal, 68. complexity, 69. linear, 70. perspective, 71. tolerance, 72. economical, 73. avarice, 74. diverse

75. pre\_\_\_\_\_ng trend *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
76. di\_\_\_e grace *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
77. b\_\_m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
78. injury in a car ac\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
79. temporary me\_\_\_\_\_l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
80. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_\_ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
81. un\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
82. sk\_\_\_\_\_et the cost *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
83. a deputy ma\_\_r *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
84. po\_\_\_\_\_y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
85. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
86. IT inf\_\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 75. prevailing, 76. divine, 77. boom, 78. accident, 79. medical, 80. historic, 81. unusually, 82. skyrocket, 83. mayor, 84. poverty, 85. invention, 86. infrastructure

87. an ob\_\_\_\_e story      *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
88. tr\_\_\_\_e down my cheek      *v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
89. di\_\_\_\_e backgrounds      *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
90. co\_\_\_\_t fat into energy      *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
91. d\_\_t ceiling      *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
92. fu\_\_\_\_on properly      *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
93. price sl\_\_h      *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
94. bu\_\_\_\_n of disease      *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
95. ack\_\_\_\_ge his help      *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 87. obscene, 88. trickle, 89. diverse, 90. convert, 91. debt, 92. function, 93. slash, 94. burden, 95. acknowledge

96. sound e\_\_o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
97. a warm em\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
98. au\_\_\_\_ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
99. ad\_\_\_\_ve technology *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
100. go in\_\_\_e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
101. a com\_\_\_\_ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
102. ou\_\_\_\_ce a non-core function *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
103. an international tr\_\_d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
104. re\_\_\_\_e stress *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
105. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
106. attract br\_\_d attention *adj.* very wide; general
107. half qu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude

ANSWERS: 96. echo, 97. embrace, 98. automated, 99. adaptive, 100. insane, 101. complicated, 102. outsource, 103. trend, 104. relieve, 105. nation, 106. broad, 107. quantity

108. asset on the company's ba\_\_\_\_e sheet      *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
109. an alt\_\_\_\_ve plan      *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
110. talk no\_\_\_\_se      *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
111. ack\_\_\_\_ge the deed      *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
112. af\_\_\_\_d a high travel cost      *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
113. color pr\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
114. dy\_\_\_\_cs of economy      *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
115. high-flown rh\_\_\_\_ic      *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

ANSWERS: 108. balance, 109. alternative, 110. nonsense, 111. acknowledge, 112. afford, 113. prejudice, 114. dynamics, 115. rhetoric



116. the ad\_\_\_\_ve coloring *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
117. unpaid w\_\_es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
118. old ma\_\_m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
119. re\_\_\_\_ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
120. his meal pre\_\_\_\_ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
121. tech pl\_\_\_\_at *n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage
122. ou\_\_\_\_ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
123. neo\_\_\_\_cal economics *adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
124. puzzle-so\_\_\_\_r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
125. ready to co\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 116. adaptive, 117. wage, 118. maxim, 119. relative, 120. preference, 121. plutocrat, 122. outsource, 123. neoclassical, 124. solver, 125. collapse

126. ex\_\_\_\_\_t a valuable opportunity      *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
127. violent up\_\_\_\_\_ng      *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
128. an innovative pr\_\_\_\_\_al      *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
129. pro\_\_\_\_\_us weather      *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
130. defense me\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
131. re\_\_\_\_\_r class      *n.* a person whose income is derived primarily or solely from the ownership or investment in property, land, or other assets; someone who earns money through rent or income from investments rather than through labor or work
132. pro\_\_\_\_\_ty of humankind      *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
133. op\_\_\_e a decision      *v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
134. county or\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a law or regulation enacted by a local government or governing authority; typically used about laws that concern public health, safety, or morals

ANSWERS: 126. exploit, 127. uprising, 128. proposal, 129. prosperous, 130. mechanism, 131. rentier, 132. prosperity, 133. oppose, 134. ordinance

135. algebraic ine\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
136. a br\_\_d mind *adj.* very wide; general
137. a ri\_\_y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
138. mu\_\_\_\_\_ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
139. across a f\_\_d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
140. in\_\_\_\_t the motive *v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively
141. en\_\_\_e information *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
142. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
143. a pol\_\_\_\_\_an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
144. a zi\_\_\_\_\_n photos of my childhood *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity

ANSWERS: 135. inequality, 136. broad, 137. risky, 138. multiply, 139. ford, 140. intuit, 141. encode, 142. crucial, 143. politician, 144. zillion

145. universal es\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
146. ec\_\_\_\_y class      *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
147. ad\_\_\_e the subtlety of the distinctions      *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
148. in\_\_\_t on a clear answer      *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
149. pajama pa\_\_s      *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
150. sel\_\_\_\_\_ing bias      *adj.* concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage
151. linear so\_\_\_r      *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
152. as\_\_\_t his goal      *v.* to help someone in doing anything

ANSWERS: 145. essence, 146. economy, 147. admire, 148. insist, 149. pants, 150. self-serving, 151. solver, 152. assist

153. stage an up\_\_\_\_\_ng *n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
154. int\_\_\_\_\_ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
155. co\_\_\_\_t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
156. re\_\_\_\_\_r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
157. majority of his we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
158. de\_\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
159. sl\_\_h a person with a knife *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
160. a real estate in\_\_\_\_or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
161. ent\_\_\_\_\_hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
162. hi\_\_\_\_ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
163. under the umbrella of cap\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 153. uprising, 154. introduction, 155. commit, 156. recover, 157. wealth, 158. degree, 159. slash, 160. investor, 161. entrepreneurship, 162. historic, 163. capitalism

164. a successful ent\_\_\_\_\_eur      *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
165. inf\_\_\_\_\_ure cost      *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
166. a tra\_\_\_\_\_nt lie      *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
167. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
168. do\_\_\_\_\_te over the weak      *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
169. ex\_\_\_\_t the data      *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
170. 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
171. a ge\_\_\_\_s for music      *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
172. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights      *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
173. driverless aut\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

ANSWERS: 164. entrepreneur, 165. infrastructure, 166. transparent, 167. obvious, 168. dominate, 169. export, 170. tip, 171. genius, 172. fundamental, 173. automobile

174. a dy\_\_\_\_c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
175. re\_\_\_\_t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
176. an or\_\_\_\_ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
177. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
178. residual qu\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
179. medieval fe\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a social and economic system that was prevalent in medieval Europe, in which the nobility controlled land and resources, and peasants or serfs worked the land in exchange for protection and a share of the produce; a hierarchical system characterized by a rigid social structure based on land ownership and loyalty
180. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
181. ef\_\_\_\_nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 174. dynamic, 175. reject, 176. orthodox, 177. alternative, 178. quantity, 179. feudalism, 180. industrious, 181. efficient

182. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
183. sh\_\_\_k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
184. af\_\_\_d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
185. aut\_\_\_\_\_le insurance *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
186. publicly op\_\_\_e *v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
187. sheer no\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
188. late co\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
189. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
190. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
191. al\_\_\_\_\_te budgets *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
192. neo\_\_\_\_\_cal music *adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

ANSWERS: 182. apologetic, 183. shrink, 184. afford, 185. automobile, 186. oppose, 187. nonsense, 188. cofounder, 189. ultimate, 190. concentration, 191. allocate, 192. neoclassical



193. sh\_\_\_k the tumor      *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
194. a political rev\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
195. h\_\_e a car by the hour      *v.* to give somebody a job
196. bachelor's de\_\_\_e      *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
197. creative in\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
198. su\_\_\_\_\_n a good relationship with him      *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
199. junior fe\_\_\_w      *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
200. me\_\_\_\_\_re performance      *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
201. gross pr\_\_\_t      *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
202. foreign po\_\_\_y      *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 193. shrink, 194. revolution, 195. hire, 196. degree, 197. intuition, 198. sustain, 199. fellow, 200. mediocre, 201. profit, 202. policy

203. ec\_\_\_\_y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
204. ind\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
205. economic pro\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
206. ad\_\_\_\_e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
207. gl\_\_\_\_g example *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
208. nice fe\_\_\_\_w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
209. an in\_\_\_\_e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
210. series of exp\_\_\_\_nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
211. welfare ec\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
212. positive feedback l\_\_p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 203. economy, 204. industrious, 205. prosperity, 206. admire, 207. glaring, 208. fellow, 209. insane, 210. experiment, 211. economics, 212. loop

213. zi\_\_\_\_\_n possibilities *n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity
214. aff\_\_\_\_\_le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
215. es\_\_\_\_\_al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
216. in\_\_\_\_\_us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
217. pi\_\_\_\_\_rk protest *n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials
218. f\_\_d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
219. vanilla es\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
220. di\_\_\_\_\_ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
221. di\_\_\_\_\_se justice *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
222. people who are une\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
223. co\_\_\_\_\_t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
224. con\_\_\_\_\_te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 213. zillion, 214. affordable, 215. essential, 216. insidious, 217. pitchfork, 218. ford, 219. essence, 220. disagree, 221. dispense, 222. unemployed, 223. convert, 224. contribute

225. em\_\_\_\_\_ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
226. en\_\_\_\_\_e the law *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
227. financially ba\_\_\_\_\_pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
228. a me\_\_\_\_\_l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
229. wealthy re\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a person whose income is derived primarily or solely from the ownership or investment in property, land, or other assets; someone who earns money through rent or income from investments rather than through labor or work
230. market in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
231. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
232. ine\_\_\_\_\_ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

ANSWERS: 225. employee, 226. enforce, 227. bankrupt, 228. medical, 229. rentier, 230. inequality, 231. efficient, 232. inequality

233. th\_\_\_e on pressure      *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
234. rising hea\_\_\_\_\_re cost      *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
235. sl\_\_\_e a glance      *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
236. fe\_\_\_\_\_sm system      *n.* a social and economic system that was prevalent in medieval Europe, in which the nobility controlled land and resources, and peasants or serfs worked the land in exchange for protection and a share of the produce; a hierarchical system characterized by a rigid social structure based on land ownership and loyalty
237. the rh\_\_\_\_\_ic of a debate      *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
238. increase in the minimum w\_\_\_e      *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
239. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity      *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasp ing another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
240. pro\_\_\_\_\_us nation      *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

ANSWERS: 233. thrive, 234. healthcare, 235. slide, 236. feudalism, 237. rhetoric, 238. wage, 239. embrace, 240. prosperous

241. in\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
242. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
243. a corrupt pol\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
244. ine\_\_\_\_\_le decline *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
245. con\_\_\_\_\_ion of trial *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
246. in\_\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
247. deep-rooted pr\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
248. a remote re\_\_\_\_\_ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
249. vi\_\_\_\_e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
250. change the ec\_\_\_\_\_em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
251. the stock market co\_\_\_\_\_sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 241. insidious, 242. crucial, 243. politician, 244. inexorable, 245. continuation, 246. invest, 247. prejudice, 248. relative, 249. virtue, 250. ecosystem, 251. collapse

252. ya\_\_t owner *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities
253. ba\_\_\_\_\_ot walk *adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet
254. sh\_\_\_d negotiation tactics *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
255. corporate d\_\_t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
256. con\_\_\_\_\_te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
257. di\_\_\_\_\_se with ceremony *v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
258. tra\_\_\_\_\_nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
259. hea\_\_\_\_\_re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
260. the ba\_\_\_\_\_e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 252. yacht, 253. barefoot, 254. shrewd, 255. debt, 256. contribute, 257. dispense, 258. transparent, 259. healthcare, 260. balance

261. gl\_\_\_\_\_g omission *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
262. per\_\_\_\_\_ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
263. ti\_\_y toes *adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
264. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
265. co\_\_\_t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
266. a particular pre\_\_\_\_\_ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
267. de\_\_\_t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
268. di\_\_\_\_\_ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
269. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
270. mu\_\_\_\_\_ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
271. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
272. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 261. glaring, 262. persuasive, 263. tippy, 264. ultimate, 265. commit, 266. preference, 267. defeat, 268. disagree, 269. statistics, 270. multiply, 271. government, 272. progressive



273. act upon a ma\_\_m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
274. es\_\_\_\_\_al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
275. as\_\_\_t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
276. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
277. n\_\_k on my hand *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
278. in\_\_\_t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
279. in\_\_\_t a solution *v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively
280. in\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
281. al\_\_\_\_\_te resource *v.* to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
282. m\_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
283. economic bu\_\_\_e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 273. maxim, 274. essential, 275. assist, 276. precise, 277. nick, 278. insist, 279. intuit, 280. invest, 281. allocate, 282. mob, 283. bubble

284. a precise def\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
285. a me\_\_\_n strip *n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
286. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
287. fun\_\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
288. em\_\_\_\_\_ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
289. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
290. a person of ge\_\_\_\_s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
291. do\_\_\_\_\_te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
292. his av\_\_\_\_\_e knew no bounds *n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
293. ec\_\_\_\_\_cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
294. the cycle of po\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
295. shopping re\_\_\_\_ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 284. definition, 285. median, 286. statistics, 287. fundamental, 288. employee, 289. moral, 290. genius, 291. dominate, 292. avarice, 293. economics, 294. poverty, 295. reward

296. sh\_\_\_d observation *adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
297. ba\_\_\_\_\_n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
298. un\_\_\_\_\_l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
299. the me\_\_\_\_\_sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
300. make a pr\_\_\_t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
301. city or\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a law or regulation enacted by a local government or governing authority; typically used about laws that concern public health, safety, or morals
302. ar\_\_e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
303. foods ind\_\_\_\_\_ble to good nutrition *adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary
304. sel\_\_\_\_\_ing attitude *adj.* concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage

ANSWERS: 296. shrewd, 297. balloon, 298. unequal, 299. mechanism, 300. profit, 301. ordinance, 302. argue, 303. indispensable, 304. self-serving

305. per\_\_\_\_\_ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
306. chemical re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
307. cause an ac\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
308. a sonic b\_\_m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
309. d\_\_t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
310. ma\_\_r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
311. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
312. the evo\_\_\_\_\_ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
313. ecology and evo\_\_\_\_\_ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
314. en\_\_\_\_\_e a contract *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
315. political equ\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
316. co\_\_\_\_\_e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 305. persuasive, 306. reaction, 307. accident, 308. boom, 309. dirt, 310. mayor, 311. massive, 312. evolutionary, 313. evolutionary, 314. enforce, 315. equilibrium, 316. consume

317. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
318. re\_\_\_\_\_r a loss      *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
319. advance cap\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
320. di\_\_\_\_e intervention      *adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
321. mo\_\_l burden      *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
322. spe\_\_\_\_\_ar view      *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
323. the tr\_\_d away from television      *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
324. in\_\_\_\_\_ty in education      *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
325. ine\_\_\_\_\_le force      *adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
326. d\_\_t road      *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
327. na\_\_\_\_n-state      *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 317. democracy, 318. recover, 319. capitalism, 320. divine, 321. moral, 322. spectacular, 323. trend, 324. inequity, 325. inexorable, 326. dirt, 327. nation

328. dy\_\_\_\_c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
329. the con\_\_\_\_\_ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
330. bu\_\_\_e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
331. co\_\_\_\_\_e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
332. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
333. 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
334. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
335. acquire a vi\_\_\_e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
336. equ\_\_\_\_\_um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
337. pro\_\_\_\_\_ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 328. dynamic, 329. consequence, 330. bubble, 331. consume, 332. government, 333. tip, 334. obvious, 335. virtue, 336. equilibrium, 337. progressive

338. cause unb\_\_\_\_\_ble damage      *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
339. ex\_\_\_t goods      *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
340. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of injury      *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
341. ta\_\_\_\_\_er money      *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
342. cl\_\_m responsibility      *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
343. self-int\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
344. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation      *v.* to take part in something
345. ob\_\_\_\_\_e literature      *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
346. his research area of  
con\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 338. unbelievable, 339. export, 340. circumstance, 341. taxpayer, 342. claim, 343. introduction, 344. participate, 345. obscene, 346. concentration

347. a me\_\_\_\_re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
348. h\_\_e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
349. em\_\_\_y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
350. price sk\_\_\_\_\_eted *v.* to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
351. cir\_\_\_\_\_nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
352. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
353. apo\_\_\_\_\_ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
354. re\_\_\_\_\_e his thirst *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
355. a fully in\_\_\_\_\_ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
356. me\_\_\_n age at diagnosis *n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
357. in\_\_\_\_\_on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why

ANSWERS: 347. mediocre, 348. hire, 349. employ, 350. skyrocket, 351. circumstance, 352. invention, 353. apologetic, 354. relieve, 355. inclusive, 356. median, 357. intuition



358. look un\_\_\_\_\_ly serious *adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
359. em\_\_\_y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
360. co\_\_\_\_\_al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
361. co\_\_\_\_\_e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
362. unb\_\_\_\_\_ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
363. the ar\_\_\_\_\_nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
364. trigger a re\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
365. de\_\_\_t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
366. embody ent\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
367. au\_\_\_\_\_ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
368. a per\_\_\_\_\_ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
369. health po\_\_\_y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 358. unusually, 359. employ, 360. communal, 361. compete, 362. unbelievable, 363. argument, 364. reaction, 365. defeat, 366. entrepreneurship, 367.

automated, 368. perspective, 369. policy

370. the re\_\_\_d for good works

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

ANSWERS: 370. reward

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He challenged the \_\_\_\_\_ views on business.  
*adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.  
*n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
3. 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
4. Many people in this city use the \_\_\_\_\_ railway for transportation.  
*n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
5. He cannot \_\_\_\_\_ a holiday.  
*v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.  
*v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ opinion was that the project would be a success.  
*adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
8. The interviewer arrived in a \_\_\_\_\_ of time.  
*n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

ANSWERS: 1. orthodox, 2. argument, 3. definition, 4. loop, 5. afford, 6. exploit, 7. prevailing, 8. nick

9. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
10. The relationship \_\_\_\_\_ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.
- n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
11. The government had to \_\_\_\_\_ national defense spending due to the recession.
- v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
12. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.
- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
13. There are several causes of economic \_\_\_\_\_ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
14. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
15. It is extremely \_\_\_\_\_ to sail in such a storm.
- adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
16. The town council passed an \_\_\_\_\_ banning the use of plastic bags.
- n.* a law or regulation enacted by a local government or governing authority; typically used about laws that concern public health, safety, or morals

ANSWERS: 9. invention, 10. dynamics, 11. slash, 12. moral, 13. inequality, 14. argue, 15. risky, 16. ordinance

17. I strongly \_\_\_\_\_ the new proposed law that would harm our environment.  
*v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
18. \_\_\_\_\_ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.  
*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
19. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
20. She lived a \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle, traveling the world and enjoying her inheritance without ever having to work a day in her life.  
*n.* a person whose income is derived primarily or solely from the ownership or investment in property, land, or other assets; someone who earns money through rent or income from investments rather than through labor or work
21. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.  
*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
22. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for being late to the meeting.  
*adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
23. The pharmacist started to \_\_\_\_\_ medication to patients.  
*v.* to distribute, allocate, or deliver something to the intended recipients
24. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.  
*adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 17. oppose, 18. Entrepreneurs, 19. healthcare, 20. rentier, 21. massive, 22. apologetic, 23. dispense, 24. fundamental

25. \_\_\_\_\_ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
26. The anti-government \_\_\_\_\_ was successful in overthrowing the regime.
- n.* a public rebellion, especially against an established government or authority
27. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
28. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
29. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
30. We can resolve support requests quickly and \_\_\_\_\_ by utilization of AI.
- adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ partially destroyed my vehicle.
- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
32. His \_\_\_\_\_ determination to succeed made him a force to be reckoned with.
- adj.* describing a process or situation that is impossible to stop, prevent, or change; relentless, unyielding, or unstoppable in force or effect
33. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 25. Capitalism, 26. uprising, 27. experiments, 28. collapsed, 29. trend, 30. efficiently, 31. accident, 32. inexorable, 33. claim

34. We all \_\_\_\_\_ him because he is a nobleman.

- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

35. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and chairman of this tech company.

- n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

36. The perspective of his right brain \_\_\_\_\_ his consciousness.

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

37. Government workers cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to political campaigns.

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

38. Trial and error is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of education.

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

39. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

40. Many studies have investigated the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and academic achievement.

- n.* the condition of being extremely poor

41. I \_\_\_\_\_ for reasons already stated above.

- v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

42. He became in \_\_\_\_\_ after losing his job.

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

ANSWERS: 34. admire, 35. cofounder, 36. dominates, 37. contribute, 38. essential, 39. embrace, 40. poverty, 41. disagree, 42. debt



43. The \_\_\_\_\_ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.  
*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
44. This shirt will \_\_\_\_\_ in the wash.  
*v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ businessman always knew the right moves to make to succeed.  
*adj.* marked by sharp intelligence and keen awareness; having good judgment and practical know-how; characterized by a savvy or astute manner
46. The high-technology industry is enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
47. When making arrests, police officers frequently \_\_\_\_\_ excessive force.  
*v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
48. \_\_\_\_\_ annual income fell last year in this country.  
*n.* the value separating the higher half from the lower half of a set of values arranged in order of size
49. The view from the mountaintop was truly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* of, from, or like a god; holy or sacred
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.  
*n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
51. A thunderous boom \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the valley.  
*n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

ANSWERS: 43. maximum, 44. shrink, 45. shrewd, 46. boom, 47. employ, 48. Median, 49. divine, 50. revolution, 51. echoed

52. Mozart was a musical \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

53. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the new class was informative and engaging.

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

54. As a \_\_\_\_\_ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

*n.* a person who pays taxes to the government

55. We spent the weekend sailing our \_\_\_\_\_ around the Mediterranean.

*n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

56. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

57. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

58. He was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ artist compared to others in his field.

*adj.* of only average quality; not very good

59. The software can \_\_\_\_\_ and decode encrypted messages.

*v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission

60. 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

ANSWERS: 52. genius, 53. introduction, 54. taxpayer, 55. yacht, 56. precise, 57. ultimate, 58. mediocre, 59. encode, 60. sustain

61. The company \_\_\_\_\_ a portion of its profits to developing new products.
- v. to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
62. Production has decreased, but costs and unemployment have \_\_\_\_\_ dramatically.
- v. to rapidly ascend to a very high level; increase rapidly;
63. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
64. He never \_\_\_\_\_ his fault.
- v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
65. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with others to obtain this position.
- v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
66. Try to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ between work and off.
- n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
67. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its \_\_\_\_\_ policy.
- adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
68. 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

ANSWERS: 61. allocated, 62. skyrocketed, 63. transparent, 64. acknowledged, 65. compete, 66. balance, 67. inclusive, 68. tips

69. The company struggled to maintain an \_\_\_\_\_ between its profits and social responsibilities.
- n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
70. The \_\_\_\_\_ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
71. The wealthy \_\_\_\_\_ owned several companies and a private jet.
- n.* a wealthy person who uses their wealth and power to influence government and society to their advantage
72. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
73. The \_\_\_\_\_ style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.
- adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
74. I want to \_\_\_\_\_ my sadness into strength.
- v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
75. The excited \_\_\_\_ was getting out of control at the concert.
- n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
76. Governments make rules, and police \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

ANSWERS: 69. equilibrium, 70. politician, 71. plutocrat, 72. economical, 73. neoclassical, 74. convert, 75. mob, 76. enforce

77. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
78. 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
79. He drinks an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of beer.
- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
80. The \_\_\_\_\_ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
- n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
81. His \_\_\_\_\_ for money led him to make unethical decisions in business.
- n.* an excessive or insatiable desire for wealth or material gain; greediness
82. He accumulated wealth across a \_\_\_\_\_ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general
83. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
84. The garden was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be tilled before planting.
- n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

ANSWERS: 77. invest, 78. ecosystem, 79. unbelievable, 80. automobile, 81. avarice, 82. broad, 83. economy, 84. dirt

85. The mobile application industry is a \_\_\_\_\_ one.

*adj.* involving competition or competitiveness

86. The incumbent \_\_\_\_\_ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

*n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government

87. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a \_\_\_\_\_ that could burst soon.

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

88. Unfortunately, the company went \_\_\_\_\_ and had to close its doors permanently.

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

89. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

90. Without investment, a business cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

91. He is the kind of \_\_\_\_\_ who only works for his success.

*adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

92. \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 85. competitive, 86. mayor, 87. bubble, 88. bankrupt, 89. unequal, 90. thrive, 91. fellow, 92. Evolutionary

93. Water was beginning to \_\_\_\_\_ into the basement after the heavy rain.
- v.* to flow or drip slowly and in small amounts; to happen or occur gradually or in small quantities
94. \_\_\_\_\_ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
95. Some studies suggest that people's \_\_\_\_\_ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
- n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
96. \_\_\_\_\_ a number by itself twice.
- v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
97. He was known for his powerful \_\_\_\_\_ and ability to persuade people with his words.
- n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
98. His father's death changed his whole \_\_\_\_\_ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
99. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.
- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
100. He has \_\_\_\_\_ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

ANSWERS: 93. trickle, 94. Communal, 95. intuitions, 96. Multiply, 97. rhetoric, 98. perspective, 99. recovering, 100. accumulated

101. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.  
*adj.* extremely vital or necessary
102. A good \_\_\_\_\_ is never out of season.  
*n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
103. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
104. Please \_\_\_\_\_ her with the furniture relocation.  
*v.* to help someone in doing anything
105. Her \_\_\_\_\_ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.  
*n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
106. The \_\_\_\_\_ sun was making it difficult to see while driving.  
*adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
107. The satellite \_\_\_\_\_ slowly ascended into the sky.  
*n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
108. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a \_\_\_\_\_ downstream where the water was shallower.  
*n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

ANSWERS: 101. crucial, 102. maxim, 103. consequences, 104. assist, 105. preference, 106. glaring, 107. balloon, 108. ford



109. She had many good \_\_\_\_\_ and few faults.

*n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

110. We should always be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ talented recruits.

*v.* to give somebody a job

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

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

112. Her excessive demands drove me \_\_\_\_\_.

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

113. The company decided to invest in a \_\_\_\_\_ industry.

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

114. The automaker has been providing \_\_\_\_\_ car financing options since last year.

*adj.* not expensive and able to pay

115. The flow \_\_\_\_\_ is validated against the experiment.

*n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

116. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

117. The \_\_\_\_\_ learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

*adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

ANSWERS: 109. virtues, 110. hire, 111. obvious, 112. insane, 113. prosperous, 114. affordable, 115. solver, 116. statistics, 117. adaptive

118. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.

*v.* to take part in something

119. The military has \_\_\_\_\_ an abuse of human rights.

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

120. This community is free of social \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

121. His \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise as his skills improved.

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

122. He discovered unique \_\_\_\_\_ for photochemical reactions.

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

123. She is \_\_\_\_\_ to our team.

*adj.* so good or important that you could not be omitted or remitted; absolutely necessary

124. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

125. She explained the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the accident.

*n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 118. participated, 119. committed, 120. prejudice, 121. wages, 122. mechanisms, 123. indispensable, 124. rewards, 125. circumstances

126. The \_\_\_\_\_ society of the Middle Ages had a strict hierarchy of lords and vassals.
- n.* a social and economic system that was prevalent in medieval Europe, in which the nobility controlled land and resources, and peasants or serfs worked the land in exchange for protection and a share of the produce; a hierarchical system characterized by a rigid social structure based on land ownership and loyalty
127. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
128. The company's new \_\_\_\_\_ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
129. This business yields little \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
130. The school's diversity program aimed to promote \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding among the students.
- n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
131. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 126. feudalism-based, 127. alternative, 128. policy, 129. profit, 130. tolerance, 131. defeat

132. The company received a \_\_\_\_\_ complaints about their faulty product.

*n.* an extremely large, indefinite number; a hyperbolic term used in informal language to describe a large or exaggerated quantity

133. From her experience with similar projects, she could \_\_\_\_\_ the most efficient way to complete the task.

*v.* to understand or know something instinctively or without conscious reasoning; to perceive or apprehend something immediately or intuitively

134. The angry mob marched towards the mansion with \_\_\_\_\_ and torches in hand.

*n.* a long-handled farm tool with two or three prongs at the end, used for turning over hay or other agricultural materials

135. My father was \_\_\_\_\_ for so long.

*adj.* not having a job, although able to work

136. University teaches the art of understanding the \_\_\_\_\_ of the matter.

*n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

137. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.

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

138. New York is a city with a \_\_\_\_\_ ethnic population.

*adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

139. He \_\_\_\_\_ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

*v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 132. zillion, 133. intuit, 134. pitchforks, 135. unemployed, 136. essence, 137. wealth, 138. diverse, 139. insisted

140. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

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

141. The \_\_\_\_\_ hiker enjoyed feeling the earth beneath their feet.

*adj.* without shoes or other foot coverings; wearing nothing on the feet

142. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ its IT services to a third-party provider.

*v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

143. The parents spoke to their children in no-\_\_\_\_\_ tones.

*n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

144. The country \_\_\_\_\_ a large amount of agricultural products.

*v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

145. That car has a low environmental \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

146. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.

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

147. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 140. complicated, 141. barefoot, 142. outsource, 143. nonsense, 144. exports, 145. burden, 146. historic, 147. economics

148. 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
149. There was a chemical \_\_\_\_\_ of the lime with the groundwater.  
*n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
150. The government is investing in programs to support \_\_\_\_\_ and small business development.  
*n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
151. Institutional \_\_\_\_\_ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.  
*n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
152. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ argument for the new policy.  
*adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
153. The new washing machine is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one.  
*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
154. The team's performance has been \_\_\_\_\_ poor this season.  
*adv.* in a way that is not typical or expected
155. I always wear \_\_\_\_\_ when I go outside, even in the summer.  
*n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

ANSWERS: 148. nation, 149. reaction, 150. entrepreneurship, 151. investors, 152. persuasive, 153. efficient, 154. unusually, 155. pants

156. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for \_\_\_\_\_ maintenance.  
*n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
157. In southward, the average annual water \_\_\_\_\_ increases.  
*n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
158. The company's decision to \_\_\_\_\_ safety regulations put its employees at risk.  
*v.* to go against or violate a law, rule, or principle; to act contrary to someone's wishes or expectations
159. The plant will continue operating through an \_\_\_\_\_ system 24 hours a day.  
*adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
160. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.  
*adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
161. People tend to make \_\_\_\_\_ predictions.  
*adj.* of, relating to, or consisting of lines or length; able to be expressed as a straight line, especially on a graph
162. There's an \_\_\_\_\_ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.  
*n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
163. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 156. infrastructure, 157. quantity, 158. contravene, 159. automated, 160. progressive, 161. linear, 162. inequity, 163. relatives

164. The \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.  
*adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
165. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.  
*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
166. Our skeleton outline of the \_\_\_\_\_ met with much opposition.  
*n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
167. 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
168. The \_\_\_\_\_ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.  
*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
169. This exam requires excellent \_\_\_\_\_ to pass.  
*n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
170. This war shattered dreams of peace and \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
171. Be careful walking on this \_\_\_\_\_ bridge, as it's unstable.  
*adj.* tending to tip or tilt easily; slightly unsteady or inclined to lose balance, often used to describe objects or surfaces that are precarious or unstable
172. 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: 164. spectacular, 165. degree, 166. proposal, 167. government, 168. medical, 169. concentration, 170. prosperity, 171. tippy, 172. complexity



173. The medicine \_\_\_\_\_ his headache, and he felt much better.  
*v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
174. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.  
*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
175. The \_\_\_\_\_ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.  
*n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
176. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.  
*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
177. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
178. The disease has an \_\_\_\_\_ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.  
*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
179. He made an \_\_\_\_\_ gesture.  
*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

ANSWERS: 173. relieved, 174. rejected, 175. employee, 176. Democracy, 177. function, 178. insidious, 179. obscene

180. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.

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

181. The politician's \_\_\_\_\_ actions were met with criticism from the public.

*adj.* concerned primarily with one's interests and needs rather than those of others; motivated by a desire for personal gain or advantage

182. If necessary, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the front seats forward.

*v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

183. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

184. The sprinter has a \_\_\_\_\_ way of running.

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

185. The present economic policy is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the preceding one.

*n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

ANSWERS: 180. consume, 181. self-serving, 182. slide, 183. industrious, 184. dynamic, 185. continuation