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Session 1: Word List

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

hunt

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

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

bum

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

synonym : hobo, vagrant, tramp

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

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

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with

determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

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

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

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

rifle

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

synonym : gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

toot

v. to emit a short, high-pitched sound, often from a horn or whistle; to play a brief, typically loud, note on a musical instrument

synonym : honk, beep, blare

(1) **toot** horn, (2) **toot** a trumpet

My son plays with his toy trumpet and loves to **toot** loudly.

bugle

n. a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

synonym : trumpet, brass instrument

(1) military **bugle**, (2) **bugle** sound

The **bugle** call woke up the soldiers at dawn.

daze

n. the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

synonym: stupor, confusion, (verb) stun

(1) walk around in a **daze**, (2) **daze** of sleep

He was in a **daze** from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

severely

adv. very badly or seriously

synonym: harshly, hardly, oppressively

(1) **severely** burned arm, (2) criticize him **severely**

Her company was **severely** affected by the bank's failure.

underweight

adj. weighing less than is normal, healthy, or expected for one's age or body type

synonym: undernourished, skinny, thin

(1) **underweight** baby, (2) **underweight** cat

The doctor expressed concern that the patient was **underweight** and needed to gain a few pounds.

mangy

adj. having mange, a skin disease in animals characterized by itching, hair loss, and formation of scabs; referring to something or someone dirty, unkempt, or in poor condition

synonym: scruffy, shabby, run-down

(1) **mangy** coat, (2) **mangy** cat

The **mangy** stray dog wandered the streets in search of food.

memorial

n. a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

synonym: monument, remembrance, tribute

(1) **memorial** address, (2) **memorial** park

The war **memorial** stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

sparing

adj. characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials

synonym: frugal, economical, thrifty

(1) a **sparing** amount of sugar, (2) time **sparing**

The **sparing** use of resources is important for conservation efforts.

hind

adj. situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

synonym: back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the

fragility of human health.

prick

v. to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

synonym : poke, jab, sting

(1) **prick** a balloon, (2) **prick** up her ears

He accidentally **pricked** his finger with the needle.

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym : clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

plush

adj. having a soft or luxurious texture, often with a long, dense pile or nap

synonym : soft, luxurious, velvety

(1) **plush** carpet, (2) **plush** pillows

The hotel room was decorated with **plush** furnishings and luxurious fabrics.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

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**.

squishy

adj. soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed

synonym : soft, spongy, mushy

(1) **squishy** texture, (2) a **squishy** story

The **squishy** foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve

stress.

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.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym : greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

retrospect

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

synonym : review, hindsight, contemplation

(1) **retrospect** review, (2) with hindsight **retrospect**

In **retrospect**, I wish I had made a different decision.

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.

cuddle

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

synonym: embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym: stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

encounter

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

synonym: meet, run into, come across

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

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

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym: border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

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.

exterminate

v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

synonym: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

demon

n. an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

synonym: fiend, devil, evil spirit

(1) **demon** hunter, (2) cast **demon** eyes

The actor's portrayal of the **demon** in the horror movie was terrifying.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

livestock

n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

synonym: cattle, oxen, herd

(1) **livestock** agriculture, (2) **livestock** industry

Livestock feed is made from fodder crops.

biology

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

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

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

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym: thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

grizzly

n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

synonym: bear, ursus, bruin

(1) **grizzly** size, (2) **grizzly** encounter

The hiker stumbled upon a **grizzly** bear in the woods and quickly retreated.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

bison

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

synonym : buffalo

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

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

plain

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

synonym : basic, straight, bare

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

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

spasm

n. a sudden, involuntary contraction of a muscle, causing a range of sensations from mild discomfort to severe pain; a sudden outburst or brief episode of intense emotion or activity

synonym : convulsion, cramp, twitch

(1) gastric **spasm**, (2) **spasm** of laughter

The patient's face twitched in **spasms** as the dentist started drilling her tooth.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym : clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

reputation

n. the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

synonym: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

rewrite

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

synonym: revise, edit, rework

(1) **rewrite** a composition, (2) **rewrite** a world record

I need to **rewrite** most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

synonym: disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

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**.

unpack

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

synonym : dissect, unwrap, unbox

(1) **unpack** a crate, (2) **unpack** a concept

I need to **unpack** my suitcase and put my clothes away.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym : psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym : periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

astounding

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

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

upstate

adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States

synonym : northern

(1) **upstate** Connecticut, (2) **upstate** region
He grew up in a small town in **upstate** New York.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym : porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

surf

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

synonym: browse, scan, paddle

(1) **surf** the Internet, (2) **surf** the waves

I'll **surf** the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym: respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**

He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

commerce

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

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

turkey

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

(1) swell like a **turkey**, (2) **turkey** breast meat

They prepared a stuffed **turkey** for Thanksgiving.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

otter

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

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

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

lovable

adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection

synonym : adorable, charming, dear

(1) **lovable** personality, (2) a **lovable** creature

The little puppy was **lovable** and had a playful personality.

ladybug

n. a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects

synonym : ladybird, lady beetle

(1) **ladybug** on a leaf, (2) **ladybug** larvae

Some species of **ladybugs** have a strong, unpleasant smell and are also called stink bugs.

sympathize

v. to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

synonym : empathize, understand, commiserate

(1) **sympathize** with a tragic hero, (2) **sympathize** with their situation

I **sympathize** with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

resemble

v. to look like or be similar to someone or something

synonym : look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

circular

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

synonym : round, loopy, oblique

(1) **circular** economy, (2) non- **circular** orbit

The **circular** shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

poly

n. (a prefix meaning "many" or "much") commonly used in chemistry, biology, and other sciences to indicate a large, complex structure or molecule that is made up of repeating units, such as polyester, polymer

synonym : plastic, polymer, resin

(1) reclosable **poly** bag, (2) biodegradable **poly**
We store all of our drinking water in a large **poly** tank on the roof of our house.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym: hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

penguin

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

chick

n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken

synonym: biddy, fledgling, nestling

(1) baby **chick**, (2) **chick** sorting

The majority of the **chicks** are raised on local family farms.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym: iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

bay

n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

synonym: inlet, cove, gulf

(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**

She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym : arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

ferocious

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

synonym : savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym : develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

distance

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

synonym : space, gap, span

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

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

reconsider

v. to think about a decision or opinion again to

synonym : rethink, review, revisit

(1) **reconsider** the determination, (2) **reconsider** my transfer

He humbly **reconsidered** his conduct.

romanticize

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

synonym : idealize, glorify, sentimentalize

(1) **romanticize** the past, (2) **romanticize** the idea of love

It is easy to **romanticize** a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

empath

n. a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy

(1) **empath** skills, (2) **empath** in a corporate environment
Being an **empath** in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.

underdog

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

synonym: loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story
The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym: pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence

He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

beg

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

synonym : plead, implore, entreat

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

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

polar

adj. relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

synonym : opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

Polar animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym : at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

surging

adj. moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity

synonym : surging, rising, swelling

(1) **surging** economy, (2) **surging** popularity

The **surging** crowd made it difficult to move through the festival.

stranded

adj. left in a difficult or helpless position without access to help or resources; unable to move or proceed

synonym : marooned, stuck, abandoned

(1) **stranded** travelers, (2) financially **stranded**

After their car broke down, the family was **stranded** on the side of the highway for hours.

floe

n. a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet

synonym : iceberg, ice pack

(1) floating **floe**, (2) melting **floe**

The ship had to navigate around a large ice **floe** in the Arctic Ocean.

morose

adj. having a sullen and gloomy disposition; characterized by a persistent and unchanging negative attitude

synonym : gloomy, sullen, melancholic

(1) **morose** attitude, (2) **morose** atmosphere

He became **morose** after his favorite team lost the game.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

ethanol

n. a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages

synonym: alcohol, ethyl alcohol, grain alcohol

(1) **ethanol** plant, (2) **ethanol** production

The production of **ethanol** can have environmental benefits if produced from renewable sources.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym: consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym: throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

thirst

n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something

synonym: craving, desire, appetite

(1) a burning **thirst**, (2) **thirst** for authority

He read books to quench his **thirst** for knowledge.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

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

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

continent

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

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

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym : shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

expand

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

synonym : extend, grow, boost

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

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

blameless

adj. without fault or guilt

synonym : guiltless, innocent, sinless

(1) **blameless** victim, (2) live a **blameless** life

The judge declared the defendant **blameless**.

postscript

n. (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information

synonym : P.S., addendum, afterword

(1) **postscript** message, (2) short **postscript**

I wrote a **postscript** at the bottom of the invitation, informing guests to bring their drinks.

full-blown

adj. fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition

synonym : complete, total, absolute

(1) **full-blown** crisis, (2) **full-blown** epidemic

The hurricane hit the coast at **full-blown** force, causing widespread destruction.

craze

n. an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad

synonym : mania, fad, agitation

(1) **craze** for speculation, (2) fitness **craze**

We experienced a **craze** for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.

fad

n. an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

synonym : craze, mania, trend

(1) become a **fad**, (2) computer game **fad**

His interest in music composition is only a **fad**.

novelty

n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
synonym : originality, newness, wonder

(1) bit of a **novelty**, (2) the **novelty** of an invention

In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a **novelty**.

inaugurate

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

synonym : initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

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.

banquet

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

synonym : feast, meal, dinner

(1) **banquet** hall, (2) host a **banquet**

We had a delicious **banquet** at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

possum

n. a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch

(1) play **possum**, (2) a full grown **possum**

Marsupials include koalas, **possums**, and kangaroos.

opossum

n. a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions

synonym : coon, marsupial

(1) **opossum** habitat, (2) Virginia **opossum**

An **opossum's** tail is prehensile, which helps it climb and maintain balance.

roast

v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven

synonym: bake, broil, grill

(1) **roast** coffee beans, (2) **roast** beef

The chef **roasted** the chicken to perfection in the oven.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

orchestra

n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

synonym: ensemble, symphony, band

(1) full **orchestra**, (2) **orchestra** conductor

The accomplished **orchestra** will give two more performances this week.

bead

n. a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry

synonym: pearl, droplet, marble

(1) a beautiful **bead**, (2) **bead** curtain

She threaded the **beads** onto the string to make a necklace.

bald

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

synonym : hairless, smooth, bare

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

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

presidency

n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization

synonym : leadership, administration, governance

(1) **presidency** term, (2) **presidency** duties

Her candidacy for the **presidency** has been met with both support and criticism.

brokerage

n. the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties

synonym : agency, firm, house

(1) mortgage **brokerage**, (2) international **brokerage**

I need to contact a **brokerage** firm to help me invest my money.

nationwide

adj. extending throughout an entire nation

synonym : countrywide, national

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

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

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark
I'm not **confident** in our victory.

relegate

v. to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

synonym: demote, assign, transfer

(1) **relegate** a matter to another authority, (2) **relegate** task
The underperforming team was **relegated** to a lower division.

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym: back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

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.

pitcher

n. a container with a spout used for pouring liquids, particularly used for serving drinks such as water or juice; a player in baseball who pitches the ball toward the batter

synonym: jug, carafe, decanter

(1) baseball **pitcher**, (2) water **pitcher**

When we ordered iced tea, the waiter brought us a **pitcher** full of the beverage.

pathetic

adj. arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability

synonym: pitiful, miserable, sad

(1) **pathetic** attempt, (2) **pathetic** display

The team's performance was **pathetic** and left the coach feeling disappointed.

absolute

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

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

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

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

flop

v. to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure

synonym : fail, collapse, drop

(1) a huge **flop**, (2) **flop** business

The company's stock prices **flop** after the poor earnings report.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

backstory

n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

synonym : history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

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.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym : aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym : threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

stature

n. the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community

synonym : height, standing, prestige

(1) **stature** enhancement, (2) short **stature**

A leader needs to have a **stature** that commands respect from their followers.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym : destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

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

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

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym : apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym : foreboding, portentous, ominous

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

survival

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

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym : affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

reliance

n. the state of depending on or needing something or someone

synonym : dependence, support, confidence

(1) **reliance** on social media, (2) self- **reliance** and solidarity
He acted in **reliance** on her naked promises.

disrupt

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

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

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

survive

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

synonym : endure, persist, stay

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

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

landscape

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

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

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

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

rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

synonym : set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

hands-on

adj. actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something

synonym : practical, involved, hands-in

(1) **hands-on** activity, (2) take a **hands-on** approach

The **hands-on** workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on

environment.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

condor

n. a large bird of prey with a wingspan of up to ten feet, primarily found in South America

synonym: eagle, vulture, raptor

(1) **condor** population, (2) endangered **condor**

The majestic **condor** soared through the sky, captivating everyone's attention.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym: sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

whoop

v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

synonym: yell, shout, cheer

(1) **whoop** with joy, (2) **whoop** it up at a party

The winning team began to **whoop** and holler with excitement.

migrate

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

synonym: relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service
Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

vaccine

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

synonym: vaccinum

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

ferret

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

synonym: weasel, stoat, polecat

(1) **ferret** food, (2) **ferret** out the truth

I love to watch my pet **ferret** play with its toys.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

pygmy

adj. relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to

something very small in size or scale

synonym: tiny, miniature, dwarfish

(1) **pygmy** squirrel, (2) **pygmy** forest

The **pygmy** marmoset is the smallest monkey species in the world.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

synonym: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

micromanagement

n. a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments

synonym: control-freak management, nit-picking, excessive supervision

(1) **micromanagement** approach, (2) **micromanagement** techniques

His manager's **micromanagement** style drove him crazy, making him feel like he couldn't make any decisions on his own.

indefinitely

adv. without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

synonym: endlessly, permanently, perpetually

(1) postpone a meeting **indefinitely**, (2) **indefinitely** suspended

The construction project has been delayed **indefinitely** due to the pandemic.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

synonym: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym: smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the

dictatorship.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

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**.

ecology

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

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

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

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy
Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

legend

n. an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

synonym: fable, fiction, myth

(1) basketball **legend**, (2) **legend** of King Arthur

Many of the **legends** of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

allegory

n. a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals

synonym: fable, apologue, parable

(1) political **allegory**, (2) subtle, multivalent **allegory**

By using this **allegory**, we can teach moral lessons.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

ethos

n. the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person

synonym: principles, ideology, philosophy

(1) **ethos** of science, (2) corporate **ethos**

Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional **ethos** of a doctor.

stain

v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

synonym : discolor, tarnish, defile

(1) **stain** the carpet, (2) red wine **stain**

The allegations of corruption **stained** her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mortgage br_____ge
n. the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties
2. new di_____on
n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
3. a tr_____y during work
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
4. t__t horn
v. to emit a short, high-pitched sound, often from a horn or whistle; to play a brief, typically loud, note on a musical instrument
5. re_____re anxious patients
v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
6. mi_____e a service
v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
7. re_____ce on social media
n. the state of depending on or needing something or someone
8. su_____al ability
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 1. brokerage, 2. dimension, 3. tragedy, 4. toot, 5. reassure, 6. migrate, 7. reliance, 8. survival

9. mi____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
10. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
11. a beautiful b__d *n.* a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry
12. easy to dom_____te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
13. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
14. pe_____n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
15. the no_____y of an invention *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
16. biodegradable p__y *n.* (a prefix meaning "many" or "much") commonly used in chemistry, biology, and other sciences to indicate a large, complex structure or molecule that is made up of repeating units, such as polyester, polymer
17. the r__r gate *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

ANSWERS: 9. migrate, 10. recognize, 11. bead, 12. domesticate, 13. fuzzy, 14. penguin, 15. novelty, 16. poly, 17. rear

18. pre_____cy term *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
19. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
20. b_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
21. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
22. Adelie pe_____n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
23. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
24. sp__m of laughter *n.* a sudden, involuntary contraction of a muscle, causing a range of sensations from mild discomfort to severe pain; a sudden outburst or brief episode of intense emotion or activity
25. fe_____us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
26. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
27. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 18. presidency, 19. obvious, 20. bay, 21. irrational, 22. penguin, 23. bush, 24. spasm, 25. ferocious, 26. landscape, 27. murder

28. d__e of sleep *n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
29. fe___t out the truth *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
30. mo___e atmosphere *adj.* having a sullen and gloomy disposition; characterized by a persistent and unchanging negative attitude
31. ci_____ar economy *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
32. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
33. lazy b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
34. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
35. corporate et__s *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
36. op_____m habitat *n.* a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions

ANSWERS: 28. daze, 29. ferret, 30. morose, 31. circular, 32. fake, 33. bum, 34. expand, 35. ethos, 36. opossum

37. le___d of King Arthur *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
38. h__d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
39. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
40. py__y forest *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to something very small in size or scale
41. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
42. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
43. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
44. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
45. baseball pi____r *n.* a container with a spout used for pouring liquids, particularly used for serving drinks such as water or juice; a player in baseball who pitches the ball toward the batter

ANSWERS: 37. legend, 38. hind, 39. environment, 40. pygmy, 41. planet, 42. crush, 43. fuzzy, 44. predator, 45. pitcher

46. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
47. li_____ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
48. un___k a concept *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
49. s__f the waves *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
50. play po___m *n.* a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch
51. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
52. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
53. tu___y breast meat *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
54. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 46. president, 47. livestock, 48. unpack, 49. surf, 50. possum, 51. unsettle, 52. evolutionary, 53. turkey, 54. hell

55. short st____e *n.* the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community
56. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
57. the mouth of a b_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
58. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
59. re____te task *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote
60. cast de__n eyes *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
61. up____e region *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
62. ma____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
63. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

ANSWERS: 55. stature, 56. hell, 57. bay, 58. context, 59. relegate, 60. demon, 61. upstate, 62. magical, 63. rear

64. cu___e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
65. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
66. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
67. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
68. ba_____t hall *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
69. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
70. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
71. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
72. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
73. re_____te a matter to another authority *v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

ANSWERS: 64. cuddle, 65. responsible, 66. environment, 67. stick, 68. banquet, 69. announce, 70. wipe, 71. compelling, 72. biology, 73. relegate

74. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
75. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
76. boost my self-es____m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
77. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
78. gl_____rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
79. self-re_____ce and solidarity *n.* the state of depending on or needing something or someone
80. pl__h pillows *adj.* having a soft or luxurious texture, often with a long, dense pile or nap
81. se_____ly burned arm *adv.* very badly or seriously
82. ha_____on activity *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
83. a lo_____e creature *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
84. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
85. host a ba_____t *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

ANSWERS: 74. conclude, 75. territory, 76. esteem, 77. victim, 78. glacier, 79. reliance, 80. plush, 81. severely, 82. hands-on, 83. lovable, 84. confident, 85. banquet

86. financially st____ed *adj.* left in a difficult or helpless position without access to help or resources; unable to move or proceed
87. r_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
88. et__s of science *n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
89. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
90. rom_____ze the past *v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way
91. cu___e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
92. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
93. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
94. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 86. stranded, 87. rig, 88. ethos, 89. pigeon, 90. romanticize, 91. cuddle, 92. sweep, 93. government, 94. disrupt

95. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
96. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
97. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
98. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
99. pos_____pt message *n.* (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information
100. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
101. or_____ra conductor *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
102. fr_____er disputes *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
103. t__t a trumpet *v.* to emit a short, high-pitched sound, often from a horn or whistle; to play a brief, typically loud, note on a musical instrument
104. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 95. imaginary, 96. relative, 97. commerce, 98. indifference, 99. postscript, 100. government, 101. orchestra, 102. frontier, 103. toot, 104. crack

105. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
106. gr_____y encounter *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
107. st_____ed travelers *adj.* left in a difficult or helpless position without access to help or resources; unable to move or proceed
108. re_____e a composition *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
109. senseless sl_____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
110. delta pl___n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
111. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
112. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
113. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
114. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 105. recognize, 106. grizzly, 107. stranded, 108. rewrite, 109. slaughter, 110. plain, 111. absolute, 112. slightly, 113. illustration, 114. frightening

115. soil con_____ion *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
116. lo_____r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
117. do_____n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
118. ro__t coffee beans *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
119. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
120. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
121. pr__k up her ears *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
122. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
123. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 115. conservation, 116. lobster, 117. dolphin, 118. roast, 119. academic, 120. helpless, 121. prick, 122. slaughter, 123. bison

124. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
125. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
126. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
127. an om____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
128. su____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
129. sch____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
130. melting f__e *n.* a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet
131. wh__p with joy *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
132. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
133. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
134. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 124. weigh, 125. hunt, 126. drone, 127. ominous, 128. survive, 129. schizophrenia, 130. floe, 131. whoop, 132. flip, 133. suddenly, 134. industrious

135. water pi____r *n.* a container with a spout used for pouring liquids, particularly used for serving drinks such as water or juice; a player in baseball who pitches the ball toward the batter
136. cheer for the un____og *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
137. reclosable p__y bag *n.* (a prefix meaning "many" or "much") commonly used in chemistry, biology, and other sciences to indicate a large, complex structure or molecule that is made up of repeating units, such as polyester, polymer
138. ad____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
139. political al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
140. pi____n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
141. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
142. po__r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

ANSWERS: 135. pitcher, 136. underdog, 137. poly, 138. advance, 139. allegory, 140. pigeon, 141. fake, 142. polar

143. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
144. floating f__e *n.* a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet
145. ind_____ely suspended *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
146. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
147. re_____e a world record *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
148. surface po____h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
149. rec_____er the determination *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
150. military bu__e *n.* a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument
151. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
152. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 143. irrational, 144. floe, 145. indefinitely, 146. entitle, 147. rewrite, 148. polish, 149. reconsider, 150. bugle, 151. statistics, 152. conflict

153. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
154. su_____g economy *adj.* moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity
155. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
156. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
157. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
158. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
159. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
160. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
161. cloud his rep_____on *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 153. terrify, 154. surging, 155. conservation, 156. drown, 157. weigh, 158. arctic, 159. intense, 160. perch, 161. reputation

162. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
163. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
164. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
165. homeless b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
166. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
167. live a bl_____ss life *adj.* without fault or guilt
168. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
169. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
170. un_____k a crate *v.* to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better
171. ina_____te a new policy *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

ANSWERS: 162. advance, 163. entitle, 164. independence, 165. bum, 166. shark, 167. blameless, 168. ecology, 169. identify, 170. unpack, 171. inaugurate

172. li_____ck agriculture *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
173. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
174. es___m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
175. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
176. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
177. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
178. rom_____ze the idea of love *v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way
179. become b__d *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
180. a sp_____g amount of sugar *adj.* characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials

ANSWERS: 172. livestock, 173. rig, 174. esteem, 175. landscape, 176. competitor, 177. monitor, 178. romanticize, 179. bald, 180. sparing

181. b__d curtain *n.* a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry
182. a sq____y story *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
183. an oral va____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
184. endangered co____r *n.* a large bird of prey with a wingspan of up to ten feet, primarily found in South America
185. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
186. om____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
187. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
188. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
189. b_g the question *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 181. bead, 182. squishy, 183. vaccine, 184. condor, 185. compassion, 186. ominous, 187. chase, 188. compelling, 189. beg

190. sym_____ze with their situation *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
191. take a ha_____on approach *adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
192. technical dr_____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
193. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
194. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
195. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
196. fe_____us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
197. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
198. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 190. sympathize, 191. hands-on, 192. drawing, 193. president, 194. stick, 195. continent, 196. ferocious, 197. hunt, 198. shorthand

199. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
200. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
201. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
202. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
203. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
204. ann_____te all doubts *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
205. ro__t beef *v.* to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
206. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
207. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
208. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
209. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 199. crush, 200. ridiculous, 201. ecology, 202. plague, 203. flip, 204. annihilate, 205. roast, 206. climate, 207. intense, 208. victim, 209. decide

210. ro____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
211. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
212. ina_____te an enterprise *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
213. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
214. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
215. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
216. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
217. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
218. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
219. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 210. romantic, 211. exert, 212. inaugurate, 213. storytelling, 214. storytelling, 215. illustration, 216. vaccine, 217. assume, 218. statistics, 219. planet

220. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
221. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
222. fresh lo_____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
223. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
224. ri__e barrel *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
225. hunting ri__e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
226. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
227. st_____e enhancement *n.* the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community
228. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
229. bu__e sound *n.* a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

ANSWERS: 220. consequence, 221. imaginary, 222. lobster, 223. leap, 224. rifle, 225. rifle, 226. terrifying, 227. stature, 228. conquer, 229. bugle

230. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
231. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
232. nat_____de strike *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
233. de___r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
234. mic_____ent approach *n.* a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments
235. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
236. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
237. sea-ot__r fur *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
238. nat_____de network *adj.* extending throughout an entire nation
239. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
240. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 230. relative, 231. bison, 232. nationwide, 233. devour, 234. micromanagement, 235. industrious, 236. exert, 237. otter, 238. nationwide, 239. territory, 240. impressive

241. time sp____g *adj.* characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials
242. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
243. invisible me____e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
244. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
245. cr__e for speculation *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
246. ma__y coat *adj.* having mange, a skin disease in animals characterized by itching, hair loss, and formation of scabs; referring to something or someone dirty, unkempt, or in poor condition
247. Virginia op_____m *n.* a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions
248. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
249. the ba_____ry about this sweet moment *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

ANSWERS: 241. sparing, 242. frightening, 243. menace, 244. parallel, 245. craze, 246. mangy, 247. opossum, 248. announce, 249. backstory

250. gl____r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
251. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
252. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
253. baby ch__k *n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken
254. sq_____y texture *adj.* soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
255. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
256. me_____al park *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
257. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
258. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
259. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
260. rep_____on risk *n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

ANSWERS: 250. glacier, 251. mysterious, 252. decide, 253. chick, 254. squishy, 255. symbol, 256. memorial, 257. magical, 258. context, 259. disrupt, 260. reputation

261. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
262. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
263. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
264. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
265. with hindsight ret_____ct *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
266. endure dis_____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
267. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
268. th____t for authority *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
269. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
270. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something

ANSWERS: 261. tragedy, 262. murder, 263. indifference, 264. astonishing, 265. retrospect, 266. discomfort, 267. parallel, 268. thirst, 269. dimension, 270. beg

271. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
272. fe___t food *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
273. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
274. a man-eating sh___k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
275. l___d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
276. pr___k a balloon *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
277. gr_____y size *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
278. et_____l production *n.* a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages

ANSWERS: 271. endangered, 272. ferret, 273. relation, 274. shark, 275. lord, 276. prick, 277. grizzly, 278. ethanol

279. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
280. a fatal in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
281. me____al address *n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event
282. pl__h carpet *adj.* having a soft or luxurious texture, often with a long, dense pile or nap
283. basketball le____d *n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field
284. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
285. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
286. po____h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
287. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
288. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 279. survival, 280. injury, 281. memorial, 282. plush, 283. legend, 284. spider, 285. biology, 286. polish, 287. consequence, 288. crack

289. high ar___c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
290. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
291. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
292. a full grown po___m *n.* a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch
293. up_____e Connecticut *adj.* relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
294. mo___e attitude *adj.* having a sullen and gloomy disposition; characterized by a persistent and unchanging negative attitude
295. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
296. em___h skills *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
297. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
298. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

ANSWERS: 289. arctic, 290. conquer, 291. monitor, 292. possum, 293. upstate, 294. morose, 295. journal, 296. empath, 297. compassion, 298. unsettle

299. re____le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
300. b__d head *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
301. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
302. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
303. ca____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
304. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
305. em____h in a corporate environment *n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
306. criticize him se____ly *adv.* very badly or seriously
307. 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
308. become a f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

ANSWERS: 299. resemble, 300. bald, 301. emotion, 302. entirely, 303. cartoon, 304. responsible, 305. empath, 306. severely, 307. argue, 308. fad

309. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
310. s__f the Internet *v.* to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner
311. po__r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
312. dr____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
313. ch__k sorting *n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken
314. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
315. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
316. sym____ze with a tragic hero *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
317. en____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
318. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

ANSWERS: 309. romantic, 310. surf, 311. polar, 312. drawing, 313. chick, 314. conflict, 315. drown, 316. sympathize, 317. encounter, 318. bush

319. without in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
320. horde of mo_____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
321. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
322. ful_____wn epidemic *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
323. st__n the carpet *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
324. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
325. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
326. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
327. ur_____ze a region *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
328. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
329. dis_____rt in the abdomen *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

ANSWERS: 319. injury, 320. monster, 321. endangered, 322. full-blown, 323. stain, 324. mysterious, 325. expand, 326. simultaneously, 327. urbanize, 328. conclude, 329. discomfort

330. gastric sp__m *n.* a sudden, involuntary contraction of a muscle, causing a range of sensations from mild discomfort to severe pain; a sudden outburst or brief episode of intense emotion or activity
331. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
332. feel co_____nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
333. international br_____ge *n.* the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties
334. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
335. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
336. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
337. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
338. h__d toe *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

ANSWERS: 330. spasm, 331. dramatically, 332. confident, 333. brokerage, 334. distance, 335. encounter, 336. symbol, 337. terrifying, 338. hind

339. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way;
(Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
340. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
341. the Italian fr_____er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
342. lo_____e personality *adj.* deserving or inspiring love and affection
343. fitness cr__e *n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
344. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
345. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
346. ext_____te pests *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
347. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
348. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

ANSWERS: 339. plain, 340. administer, 341. frontier, 342. lovable, 343. craze, 344. drone, 345. helpless, 346. exterminate, 347. shorthand, 348. toy

349. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
350. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
351. ot__r in the river *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
352. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
353. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
354. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
355. non-ci_____ar orbit *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
356. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
357. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

ANSWERS: 349. ridiculous, 350. continent, 351. otter, 352. blur, 353. essentially, 354. perch, 355. circular, 356. blur, 357. monster

358. pa____ic attempt *adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
359. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
360. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
361. brink of ext____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
362. the cabin pressure fell dra____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
363. te____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
364. swell like a tu____y *n.* (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans
365. pa____ic display *adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
366. classic un____og story *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

ANSWERS: 358. pathetic, 359. distance, 360. identify, 361. extinction, 362. dramatically, 363. terrify, 364. turkey, 365. pathetic, 366. underdog

367. de___r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
368. scientific jo____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
369. pre_____cy duties *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
370. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
371. co___r population *n.* a large bird of prey with a wingspan of up to ten feet, primarily found in South America
372. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
373. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
374. deadly pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
375. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
376. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

ANSWERS: 367. devour, 368. journal, 369. presidency, 370. essentially, 371. condor, 372. schizophrenia, 373. cartoon, 374. plague, 375. simultaneously, 376. lord

377. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
378. red wine st__n *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
379. subtle, multivalent al____ry *n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
380. a huge f__p *v.* to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure
381. a burning th____t *n.* a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
382. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
383. postpone a meeting ind____ely *adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time
384. la____g on a leaf *n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
385. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
386. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 377. academic, 378. stain, 379. allegory, 380. flop, 381. thirst, 382. sweep, 383. indefinitely, 384. ladybug, 385. relation, 386. chase

387. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
388. 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
389. ann_____te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
390. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
391. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
392. web sp____r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
393. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
394. de__n hunter *n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful
395. la_____g larvae *n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
396. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
397. re_____le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something

ANSWERS: 387. administer, 388. argue, 389. annihilate, 390. impressive, 391. toy, 392. spider, 393. reassure, 394. demon, 395. ladybug, 396. entirely, 397. resemble

398. potential me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
399. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
400. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
401. walk around in a d__e *n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
402. computer game f_d *n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze
403. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
404. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
405. py__y squirrel *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to something very small in size or scale
406. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

ANSWERS: 398. menace, 399. slightly, 400. pound, 401. daze, 402. fad, 403. astonishing, 404. evolutionary, 405. pygmy, 406. competitor

407. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
408. ext_____te communism *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
409. ret_____ct review *n.* a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished
410. f__p business *v.* to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure
411. su_____g popularity *adj.* moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity
412. rec_____er my transfer *v.* to think about a decision or opinion again to
413. wh__p it up at a party *v.* to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise
414. ur_____ze transportation systems *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
415. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
416. full or_____ra *n.* a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion

ANSWERS: 407. assume, 408. exterminate, 409. retrospect, 410. flop, 411. surging, 412. reconsider, 413. whoop, 414. urbanize, 415. commerce, 416. orchestra

417. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
418. ma__y cat *adj.* having mange, a skin disease in animals characterized by itching, hair loss, and formation of scabs; referring to something or someone dirty, unkempt, or in poor condition
419. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
420. mic_____ent techniques *n.* a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments
421. dom_____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
422. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
423. bit of a no_____y *n.* the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
424. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
425. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
426. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
427. und_____ht baby *adj.* weighing less than is normal, healthy, or expected for one's age or body type
428. bl_____ss victim *adj.* without fault or guilt
429. und_____ht cat *adj.* weighing less than is normal, healthy, or expected for one's age or body type

ANSWERS: 417. extinction, 418. mangy, 419. climate, 420. micromanagement, 421. domesticate, 422. survive, 423. novelty, 424. predator, 425. obvious, 426. suddenly, 427. underweight, 428. blameless, 429. underweight

430. short pos_____pt *n.* (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information
431. et_____l plant *n.* a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages
432. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
433. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
434. ful_____wn crisis *adj.* fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
435. do_____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
436. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
437. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
438. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 430. postscript, 431. ethanol, 432. invention, 433. invention, 434. full-blown, 435. dolphin, 436. absolute, 437. wipe, 438. independence

439. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
440. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
441. ba_____ry plot *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
442. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 439. pound, 440. emotion, 441. backstory, 442. leap

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. When we ordered iced tea, the waiter brought us a _____ full of the beverage.
n. a container with a spout used for pouring liquids, particularly used for serving drinks such as water or juice; a player in baseball who pitches the ball toward the batter
2. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
3. The _____ foam ball is perfect for squeezing to relieve stress.
adj. soft and yielding to the touch; easily deformed
4. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
5. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
6. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
7. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
8. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 1. pitcher, 2. entirely, 3. squishy, 4. suddenly, 5. concluded, 6. lobster, 7. bison, 8. predator's

9. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
10. The hotel room was decorated with _____ furnishings and luxurious fabrics.
- adj.* having a soft or luxurious texture, often with a long, dense pile or nap
11. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
- adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
12. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
13. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
14. The _____ workshop allowed attendees to work with tools and materials, developing their skills in a hands-on environment.
- adj.* actively involved, practical; having hands involved in the doing or making of something
15. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
16. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.
- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
17. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.
- n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

ANSWERS: 9. commerce, 10. plush, 11. intense, 12. president, 13. impressive, 14. hands-on, 15. territory, 16. cartoon, 17. illustration

18. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.
v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
19. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
20. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
21. I wrote a _____ at the bottom of the invitation, informing guests to bring their drinks.
n. (also denoted as "P.S. ") an additional remark or note added at the end of a letter or other document after the main body has been completed; something that is added as an afterthought or supplemental information
22. The hurricane hit the coast at _____ force, causing widespread destruction.
adj. fully developed or manifesting in its complete form, often used to describe a difficult situation or condition
23. It is easy to _____ a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it
v. to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way
24. Marsupials include koalas, _____ and kangaroos.
n. a small nocturnal marsupial found in America or Australia that lives in trees and carries its young in a skin pocket called a pouch

ANSWERS: 18. reassure, 19. flipped, 20. administer, 21. postscript, 22. full-blown, 23. romanticize, 24. possums,

25. She threaded the _____ onto the string to make a necklace.
n. a small, usually round object made of glass, wood, or plastic that is used for decoration or as part of jewelry
26. This is a _____ campaign to recruit women into trade unions.
adj. extending throughout an entire nation
27. His manager's _____ style drove him crazy, making him feel like he couldn't make any decisions on his own.
n. a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments
28. He read books to quench his _____ for knowledge.
n. a feeling of needing something to drink; a strong desire for something
29. He grew up in a small town in _____ New York.
adj. relating to or located in the region that is located in the northern part of a state or country, particularly in the United States
30. In Europe, this tropical fruit is still a _____.
n. the quality of being new, attractive, and unusual
31. The car was completely _____ in the accident.
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
32. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 25. beads, 26. nationwide, 27. micromanagement, 28. thirst, 29. upstate, 30. novelty, 31. crushed, 32. distance

33. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
34. The brothers _____ each other in the hobby.
v. to look like or be similar to someone or something
35. The chef _____ the chicken to perfection in the oven.
v. to cook food by surrounding it with hot, dry air, especially in an oven
36. He humbly _____ his conduct.
v. to think about a decision or opinion again to
37. I need to _____ most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.
v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
38. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
39. The majestic _____ soared through the sky, captivating everyone's attention.
n. a large bird of prey with a wingspan of up to ten feet, primarily found in South America
40. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
41. The _____ use of resources is important for conservation efforts.
adj. characterized by using or giving very little of something; frugal or economical in the use of resources or materials

ANSWERS: 33. terrifying, 34. resemble, 35. roasted, 36. reconsidered, 37. rewrite, 38. conquer, 39. condor, 40. drawing, 41. sparing

42. Some species of _____ have a strong, unpleasant smell and are also called stink bugs.
- n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
43. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.
- n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
44. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
45. _____ 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
46. The playful _____ swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.
- n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
47. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.
- n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
48. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
49. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.
- n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

ANSWERS: 42. ladybugs, 43. esteem, 44. crack, 45. Evolutionary, 46. otter, 47. glaciers, 48. astonishing, 49. plague

50. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
51. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
52. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
- n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
53. _____ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.
- adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
54. The patient's face twitched in _____ as the dentist started drilling her tooth.
- n.* a sudden, involuntary contraction of a muscle, causing a range of sensations from mild discomfort to severe pain; a sudden outburst or brief episode of intense emotion or activity
55. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.
- adv.* in a very impressive manner
56. He borrowed money from a loan _____.
- n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
57. The judge declared the defendant _____.
- adj.* without fault or guilt

ANSWERS: 50. victim, 51. assumes, 52. extinction, 53. Polar, 54. spasms, 55. dramatically, 56. shark, 57. blameless

58. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
59. The government plans to _____ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.
v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
60. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
61. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
62. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.
adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
63. The company's stock prices _____ after the poor earnings report.
v. to fall or lie down heavily and clumsily; (noun) a complete failure
64. The ship had to navigate around a large ice _____ in the Arctic Ocean.
n. a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet
65. The _____ team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.
n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

ANSWERS: 58. terrify, 59. urbanize, 60. Climate, 61. devoured, 62. ominous, 63. flop, 64. floe, 65. underdog

66. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

67. The _____ shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

68. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

69. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

70. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

71. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

72. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

73. We had a delicious _____ at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

ANSWERS: 66. exerted, 67. circular, 68. faked, 69. simultaneously, 70. relations, 71. perched, 72. rear, 73. banquet

74. Her company was _____ affected by the bank's failure.

adv. very badly or seriously

75. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

76. The _____ marmoset is the smallest monkey species in the world.

adj. relating to or characteristic of a group of small-statured people inhabiting certain regions in Africa; referring to something very small in size or scale

77. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

78. He accidentally _____ his finger with the needle.

v. to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

79. I need to _____ my suitcase and put my clothes away.

v. to open and remove stored items from a container or package; to analyze or examine something in detail, often to clarify or understand it better

80. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

81. My son plays with his toy trumpet and loves to _____ loudly.

v. to emit a short, high-pitched sound, often from a horn or whistle; to play a brief, typically loud, note on a musical instrument

ANSWERS: 74. severely, 75. ridiculous, 76. pygmy, 77. consequences, 78. pricked, 79. unpack, 80. mysterious, 81. toot

82. Being an _____ in a relationship requires the partner to understand the empath's unique emotional needs.
- n.* a person who can understand and share the feelings and experiences of others, often described as having a high degree of empathy
83. The team's performance was _____ and left the coach feeling disappointed.
- adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
84. Medical students need to acquire not only knowledge but also a professional _____ of a doctor.
- n.* the set of beliefs and attitudes that belong to a particular community, nation, ideology, or a person
85. The _____ stray dog wandered the streets in search of food.
- adj.* having mange, a skin disease in animals characterized by itching, hair loss, and formation of scabs; referring to something or someone dirty, unkempt, or in poor condition
86. We store all of our drinking water in a large _____ tank on the roof of our house.
- n.* (a prefix meaning "many" or "much") commonly used in chemistry, biology, and other sciences to indicate a large, complex structure or molecule that is made up of repeating units, such as polyester, polymer
87. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
- adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
88. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.
- n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

ANSWERS: 82. empath, 83. pathetic, 84. ethos, 85. mangy, 86. poly, 87. arctic, 88. discomfort

89. He is completely _____ having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.
adj. having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
90. The accomplished _____ will give two more performances this week.
n. a large group of musicians who play classical music together, usually with instruments such as strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion
91. I love to watch my pet _____ play with its toys.
n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
92. After their car broke down, the family was _____ on the side of the highway for hours.
adj. left in a difficult or helpless position without access to help or resources; unable to move or proceed
93. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
94. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
95. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 89. bald, 90. orchestra, 91. ferret, 92. stranded, 93. academic, 94. recognize, 95. conflicts,

96. _____ feed is made from fodder crops.
n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
97. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
98. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
99. The virus had the potential to _____ entire populations if left unchecked.
v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
100. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.
v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
101. The doctor expressed concern that the patient was _____ and needed to gain a few pounds.
adj. weighing less than is normal, healthy, or expected for one's age or body type
102. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
103. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 96. Livestock, 97. dimensions, 98. dolphins, 99. annihilate, 100. rigged, 101. underweight, 102. planet, 103. murder

104. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

105. The production of _____ can have environmental benefits if produced from renewable sources.

- n.* a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages

106. I feel so _____ without you.

- adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

107. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

108. My accidental _____ got better right away.

- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

109. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

110. The _____ crowd made it difficult to move through the festival.

- adj.* moving suddenly and powerfully, typically with a forward or upward motion; increasing rapidly or dramatically in quantity or intensity

111. 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

ANSWERS: 104. invention, 105. ethanol, 106. helpless, 107. emotions, 108. injury, 109. advance, 110. surging, 111. argue

112. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

- n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

113. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

114. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent _____ colony along the rugged coastline.

- n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

115. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.

- n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

116. The war _____ stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our ancestors.

- n.* a structure or monument to commemorate a person or event

117. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

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

118. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else

119. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

ANSWERS: 112. drone, 113. magical, 114. penguin, 115. slaughter, 116. memorial, 117. continent, 118. symbol, 119. survive

120. I am going to trim this _____ off.

- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

121. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

122. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.

- adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

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

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

124. A leader needs to have a _____ that commands respect from their followers.

- n.* the height of a human or animal body; the level of respect or reputation that a person or entity holds in a particular community

125. The underperforming team was _____ to a lower division.

- v.* to assign or dismiss to a lower or less important status or place; to demote

126. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

127. I tried to assume an air of _____.

- n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 120. bush, 121. stick, 122. parallel, 123. landscape, 124. stature, 125. relegated, 126. independence, 127. indifference

128. Many of the _____ of the famous general came about hundreds of years after his death.

- n.* an old story that may or may not be accurate regarding some persons and events; a well-known person who is admired by others for a long time, particularly in a particular field

129. I'm not _____ in our victory.

- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

130. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

131. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

132. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

- n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

133. It was his first _____ love.

- adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

134. His interest in music composition is only a _____.

- n.* an intense and widely shared enthusiasm for a particular style, activity, or interest that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a craze

ANSWERS: 128. legends, 129. confident, 130. monitor, 131. lord, 132. vaccine, 133. romantic, 134. fad

135. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
136. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
137. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
138. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
139. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.
- v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
140. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.
- n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
141. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
- adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
142. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

ANSWERS: 135. environment, 136. identify, 137. pounds, 138. hell, 139. wipe, 140. frontier, 141. endangered, 142. expand

143. This car has a _____ engine.

- n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

144. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

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

145. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

146. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

- n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

147. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

148. He gave his daughter a new _____ for her birthday.

- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

149. The actor's portrayal of the _____ in the horror movie was terrifying.

- n.* an evil spirit, supernatural being or entity often depicted as malevolent or harmful

150. He was in a _____ from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

- n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

ANSWERS: 143. monster, 144. chased, 145. leap, 146. polish, 147. imaginary, 148. toy, 149. demon, 150. daze

151. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

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

152. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

153. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

154. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

155. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

156. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

157. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

158. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 151. plain, 152. relatives, 153. announced, 154. industrious, 155. survival, 156. obvious, 157. tragedy, 158. weighs

159. I love to _____ with my dog on the couch after a long day.
- v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
160. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
161. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
- n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
162. This nationwide strike may _____ the country's economy.
- v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
163. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
164. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
165. An _____ tail is prehensile, which helps it climb and maintain balance.
- n.* a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions
166. The construction project has been delayed _____ due to the pandemic.
- adv.* without any fixed or definite limit; for an unknown or unspecified period of time

ANSWERS: 159. cuddle, 160. spider, 161. journals, 162. unsettle, 163. context, 164. biology, 165. opossum's, 166. indefinitely

167. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

168. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

169. I'll _____ the online store to see if I can find that item in a different color.

v. to ride on or through waves while standing or lying down on a board or other object; to search or browse the Internet or other computer networks in a casual or aimless manner

170. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

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

171. The _____ of the main character added depth to the story.

n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

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

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

173. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

174. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 167. Essentially, 168. conservation, 169. surf, 170. disrupt, 171. backstory, 172. bum, 173. entitled, 174. decide

175. The police discovered a _____ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.
- n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
176. The majority of the _____ are raised on local family farms.
- n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken
177. The president will _____ the new embassy building next week.
- v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
178. Her candidacy for the _____ has been met with both support and criticism.
- n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
179. She has a good _____ for being one of the best chefs in the city.
- n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors
180. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
- n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
181. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
- n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
182. The government _____ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.
- v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

ANSWERS: 175. rifle, 176. chicks, 177. inaugurate, 178. presidency, 179. reputation, 180. pigeon, 181. competitors, 182. exterminated

183. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

184. The winning team began to _____ and holler with excitement.

v. to shout or cry out loudly, often in celebration or excitement; to make an exuberant noise

185. The farmer noticed a _____ leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

adj. situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

186. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

187. I _____ with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

v. to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

188. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.

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

189. He became _____ after his favorite team lost the game.

adj. having a sullen and gloomy disposition; characterized by a persistent and unchanging negative attitude

190. The lion's _____ roar could be heard from miles away.

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

ANSWERS: 183. slightly, 184. whoop, 185. hind, 186. storytelling, 187. sympathize, 188. ecology, 189. morose, 190. ferocious

191. The _____ call woke up the soldiers at dawn.

- n.* a brass wind instrument similar to a trumpet but with a more conical shape and no valves; the sound produced by the bugle or a similar instrument

192. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.

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

193. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

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

194. 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

195. The camera's focus was off, and the image was a _____ of colors and shapes.

- n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

196. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

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

197. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

198. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

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

ANSWERS: 191. bugle, 192. migrated, 193. absolute, 194. government, 195. blur, 196. encounter, 197. sweep, 198. hunt

199. The hiker stumbled upon a _____ bear in the woods and quickly retreated.
- n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
200. I need to contact a _____ firm to help me invest my money.
- n.* the business of buying and selling goods or services on behalf of others, often for a commission or fee; the activity of acting as an intermediary or agent in negotiations or deals between two parties
201. We experienced a _____ for electric vehicles as interest in green tech grew.
- n.* an enthusiasm for a particular activity, object, or idea that appears suddenly and achieves widespread but short-lived popularity; a fad
202. By using this _____ we can teach moral lessons.
- n.* a story, play, picture, etc. in which the characters and events represent religious or political values, concepts, or morals
203. She walked along the _____ and collected shells.
- n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
204. The reckless driver was a _____ to other drivers on the road.
- n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
205. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
- adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
206. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 199. grizzly, 200. brokerage, 201. craze, 202. allegory, 203. bay, 204. menace, 205. frightening, 206. drown

207. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
208. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.
v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
209. The allegations of corruption _____ her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.
v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
210. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.
adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
211. The little puppy was _____ and had a playful personality.
adj. deserving or inspiring love and affection
212. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.
n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
213. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.
adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
214. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.
v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

ANSWERS: 207. schizophrenia, 208. begged, 209. stained, 210. fuzzy, 211. lovable, 212. shorthand, 213. irrational, 214. domesticate

215. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

216. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

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

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

218. They prepared a stuffed _____ for Thanksgiving.

n. (of an animal) a large bird with a fan-shaped tail native to North America, widely grown for food; (of a country) a Eurasian republic in Asia Minor and the Balkans

219. He acted in _____ on her naked promises.

n. the state of depending on or needing something or someone

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

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

221. In _____ I wish I had made a different decision.

n. a review or analysis of past events, particularly to gain insight or understanding; a consideration of something that has already occurred or been accomplished

ANSWERS: 215. compelling, 216. compassion, 217. responsible, 218. turkey, 219. reliance, 220. statistics, 221. retrospect,