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Session 1: Word List

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

evangelical

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

synonym : proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group

The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

rapture

n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement

synonym : delight, bliss, elation

(1) with an expression of **rapture**, (2) feel great **rapture**

He gazed at the actor in **rapture**.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

dirk

n. a long and straight-bladed dagger or short sword, typically associated with Scottish Highlanders; a small sidearm or weapon with a pointed blade and a straight handle

synonym : dagger, blade, stiletto

(1) rusty **dirk**, (2) ornate **dirk**

He concealed a small **dirk** in his coat for protection.

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym : bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

toothpaste

n. a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

synonym : paste, gel, dentifrice

(1) **toothpaste** hygiene product, (2) **toothpaste** tube

I always use mint-flavored **toothpaste** to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

slur

v. to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements

synonym : defame, slander, denigrate

(1) **slur** a drink, (2) **slur** his reputation

He shouldn't be allowed to **slur** people based on race or sexuality.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym :

reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

refrigerator

n. an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment

synonym: fridge, cooler, icebox

(1) **refrigerator** magnet, (2) empty **refrigerator**

Don't forget to put the eggs in the **refrigerator** after you've used them.

digital

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

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

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

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

font

n. a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen

synonym: typeface, typography, lettering

(1) **font** size, (2) script **font**

I changed the **font** on my resume to make it more visually appealing.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym : leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym : introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

modern

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

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

timid

adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk

synonym : shy, bashful, nervous

(1) **timid** tone, (2) **timid** handshake

The **timid** dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**
Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

acquisition

n. the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort

synonym: purchase, possession, obtaining

(1) merger and **acquisition**, (2) **acquisition** process

The company's latest **acquisition** of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym: affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym: absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

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.

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.

wheat

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

synonym : grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop

The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

procure

v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

synonym : obtain, acquire, secure

(1) **procure** a rare antique, (2) **procure** services

I need to **procure** some supplies for the upcoming project.

pictorial

adj. relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text

synonym : illustrated, graphical, visual

(1) **pictorial** representation, (2) **pictorial** evidence

The art gallery displayed a beautiful **pictorial** exhibition of landscapes and portraits.

acquire

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

synonym : attain, earn, catch

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

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

- 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.
- loose** *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open
(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair
The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.
- intriguing** *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
synonym : fascinating, captivating, arresting
(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character
The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.
- reaction** *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
synonym : response, reply, answer
(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**
There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.
- anoint** *v.* to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty
synonym : bless, consecrate, sanctify
(1) **anoint** with oil, (2) **anoint** him as king
The priest will **anoint** the sick with holy oil in hopes of a

speedy recovery.

quadrant

n. a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes

synonym : section, division, sector

(1) Northeast **quadrant**, (2) **quadrant** chart

The map was divided into four **quadrants** to examine the geographical region closely.

highbrow

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

synonym : intellectual, cultured, refined

(1) **highbrow** conversation, (2) **highbrow** music

She only reads **highbrow** literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

daring

adj. brave and taking risks

synonym : audacious, bold, venturesome

(1) **daring** escape, (2) make a **daring** face

Her choices become increasingly **daring** and creative.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

diagonal

adj. at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

synonym : oblique, sloping, slanting

(1) **diagonal** pattern, (2) place at a **diagonal**

The **diagonal** cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

excuse

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

synonym : apology, justification, reason

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

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

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

rebut

v. to counter or contradict an argument, claim, or accusation by providing evidence or arguments of one's own; to refute or disprove an assertion or belief

synonym : refute, counter, dispute

(1) **rebut** a theory, (2) **rebut** allegations

He presented evidence to **rebut** the accusations against him.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

qualify

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

synonym: permit, authorize, allow

(1) **qualify** as a candidate, (2) **qualify** for membership

The top three teams in this tournament **qualify** for the Olympics.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

diffuse

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

synonym: spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection

She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

knight

n. a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

synonym : noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym : actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

declaration

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

synonym : statement, announcement, proclamation

(1) **declaration** of independence, (2) unilateral **declaration**

The President made the **declaration** of war.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

pretentious

adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the

case; showy or ostentatious

synonym : ostentatious, showy, pompous

(1) **pretentious** behavior, (2) **pretentious** language

The **pretentious** guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym : democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym : complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

ruffle

v. to disorder or disarrange the smoothness or evenness of something, often causing it to become wrinkled, creased, or curled; to annoy or upset someone's composure or equanimity

synonym : fluster, agitate, disturb

(1) **ruffle** feathers, (2) **ruffle** the leaves of the tree

The gust of wind **ruffled** through her hair.

vehement

adj. showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm

synonym : intense, fervent, passionate

(1) **vehement** protest, (2) **vehement** criticism

She expressed her **vehement** opposition to the proposed changes in the company's policies.

festival

n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

pony

n. a small horse

synonym : cayuse

(1) **pony** engine, (2) a spotted **pony**

At this ranch, children can experience riding a **pony**.

jealousy

n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire

synonym : envy, covetousness, resentment

(1) **jealousy** feeling towards another person, (2) burn with **jealousy**

His **jealousy** of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym : elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff
She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

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.

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.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

cathode

n. a negatively charged electrode that is the source of electrons in an electrical device, such as a battery or a vacuum tube

synonym: negative electrode, negative pole, terminal

(1) **cathode** electrode in a battery, (2) **cathode** ray tube
The **cathode** in a fluorescent light bulb emits electrons when electricity excites gas atoms to produce light.

ray *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
synonym: beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**
Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

tube *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**
The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

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.

bomb *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**
The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

enormous *adj.* extremely large or great
synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

tackle *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

synonym: uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

criteria

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym: bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym : display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym : conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note

synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

adulterated

adj. made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased

synonym : impure, corrupted, debased

(1) **adulterated** food, (2) **adulterated** with toxic substances

The food and drug administration warned consumers not to purchase **adulterated** medicine.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

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

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

vend

v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

synonym : sell, peddle, market

(1) **vend** souvenirs, (2) **vend** delicious meals

The local **vendor** was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.

masterpiece

n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement

synonym : classic, chef-d'oeuvre, magnum opus

(1) literary **masterpiece**, (2) a **masterpiece** of design

The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a **masterpiece** of art.

burl

n. a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts

synonym : knob, gnarl, knot

(1) the intricate pattern in the **burl**, (2) **burl** furniture

The **burl** on the tree trunk added character to the table made

from it.

tunnel

n. an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

synonym: passageway, underground passage

(1) **tunnel** construction work, (2) **tunnel** disease

The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular **tunnel** allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

paw

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

synonym: mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

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.

mindless

adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

synonym: senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

Mindless scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

- roll** v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
synonym: spin, swirl, wheel
(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks
He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.
- finite** *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
synonym: delimited, defined, limited
(1) **finite** resources, (2) **finite** decimal
Human beings have a **finite** lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.
- 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.
- distribute** v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out
(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content
His estate was **distributed** to his sons.
- mention** v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite
(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- eve** *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
synonym: evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym : envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym : tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym : declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date
The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards
The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym : midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

fortress

n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

synonym : castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

grail

n. a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

synonym : chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

multiplayer

adj. referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online

synonym : multiuser, collaborative, team-based

(1) **multiplayer** game, (2) **multiplayer** experience

The game has a **multiplayer** mode where you can play with friends online.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

ovation

n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

synonym : applause, accolade, praise

(1) standing **ovation**, (2) spontaneous **ovation**

The singer received an **ovation** from the crowd after her performance.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

valve

n. a device for controlling the flow of a fluid or gas through a pipe or duct by means of a movable part that opens, closes, or restricts the opening

synonym : tap, spigot, faucet

(1) electromagnetic **valve**, (2) **valve** control

The **valve** on the pipeline was leaking, so maintenance had to shut it off to make repairs.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

depict

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

synonym: illustrate, describe, express

(1) **depict** a scene, (2) **depict** a feeling of isolation

His son had accurately **depicted** the bloom.

critique

n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

synonym: review, analysis, appraisal

(1) a **critique** of the social system, (2) devastating **critique**

Following the **critique** from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.

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.

gratuitous

adj. given or done without charge or payment

synonym: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

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

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

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym: hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

pimp

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

synonym: pandar, procurer, hustler

(1) **pimp** lifestyle, (2) **pimp** culture

The lazy **pimp** controlled and exploited the women working for him.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

ambivalent

adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

synonym: conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude

I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

serenity

n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

synonym: calmness, tranquility, peacefulness

(1) fall into **serenity**, (2) **serenity** prayer

Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve **serenity** and peace of mind.

sublime

adj. of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe

synonym: magnificent, majestic, grand

(1) **sublime** ignorance, (2) **sublime** beauty

The view from the mountaintop was genuinely **sublime**.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

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

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

scroll

n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them

synonym: manuscript, document, parchment

(1) roll up a **scroll**, (2) **scroll** through a document

The house owner loved the large hanging **scroll** in the guest room.

hefty

adj. large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

synonym: weighty, substantial, sizeable

(1) **hefty** price, (2) **hefty** breakfast

The **hefty** box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

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.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

forthcoming

adj. likely to happen or be available soon

synonym : imminent, upcoming, anticipated

(1) in the **forthcoming** week, (2) **forthcoming** book

The **forthcoming** election is causing a lot of tension and uncertainty.

rid

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

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its

increased efficiency.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

interference

n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with

synonym : obstruction, hindrance, impedance

(1) officious **interference**, (2) **interference** wave

Unfortunately, the radio **interference** made it difficult to hear the broadcast.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

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**.

spatial

adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

synonym : dimensional, geographical

(1) **spatial** ability, (2) **spatial** distribution

He carefully determined the **spatial** relations of every piece of the stage set.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

savvy

n. the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

synonym : know-how, expertise, skill

(1) a **savvy** investor, (2) tech- **savvy**

His business **savvy** was evident in the success of his company.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym : design, structure, layout

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

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

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym : elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

crossing

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

synonym: intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**

The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

marble

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

synonym: stone, rock, sphere

(1) **marble** statues, (2) artificial **marble**

The floor was made of white and black **marble** arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

vibrate

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

synonym : oscillate, convulse, jerk

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

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

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.

movement

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

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

paraphernalia

n. equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle

synonym : equipment, gear, accessories

(1) fishing **paraphernalia**, (2) sports **paraphernalia**

She packed all her camping **paraphernalia**, including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking utensils.

arcade

n. a covered passageway or walkway, often lined with shops or restaurants; a series of arches supported by columns; a type of video game in which the player controls a character moving through a series of levels and obstacles

synonym: gallery, colonnade, passageway

(1) **arcade** games, (2) colonnaded **arcade**

The public **arcade** was filled with the sound of children laughing and playing games.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym: longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

fry

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

synonym: cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

orthodox

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

synonym: traditional, conventional, established

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

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

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

stratagem

n. a plan or scheme, often clever or deceitful, designed to achieve a particular goal or outcome; a cunning or skillful maneuver or tactic

synonym : scheme, tactic, ploy

(1) **stratagem** for success, (2) cunning **stratagem**

The general used a clever **stratagem** to outsmart the enemy and secure victory.

propeller

n. a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

synonym : prop, rotor, fan

(1) **propeller** design, (2) **propeller** aircraft

The boat's **propeller** stopped working in the middle of the lake.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym : knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

machinery

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

synonym : apparatus, appliance, equipment

(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**

The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

pedestal

n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed

synonym: base, stand, platform

(1) **pedestal** sink, (2) a stone **pedestal**

The statue was placed on a **pedestal** in the center of the park.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym: statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

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.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym: beautiful, stunning, attractive

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

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

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym: applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

sticky

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

synonym: adhesive, gluey, clingy

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

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

cigarette

n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym: smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

possessed

adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief

synonym: controlled, influenced, consumed

(1) **possessed** by a fox, (2) like a person **possessed**

She was **possessed** by a fierce determination to succeed.

arrangement

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

synonym: placement, configuration, account

(1) **arrangement** of the furniture, (2) **arrangement** committee

As a first **arrangement**, we agreed to meet the following Friday.

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym: territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

butterfly

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

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

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

manifestation

n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition

synonym: expression, embodiment, presentation

(1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress

The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods,

live longer than people in other countries.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

diversity

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

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

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

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

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

Session 2: Spelling

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n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
5. a bell to__r
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
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n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
7. re_____on of inclusion
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
8. classic arc_____ure
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
9. sl_____ly alkaline soils
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
10. 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

ANSWERS: 1. universe, 2. brilliant, 3. discuss, 4. artifact, 5. tower, 6. pedestal, 7. relation, 8. architecture, 9. slightly, 10. hell

11. int_____nce wave *n.* the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
12. de_____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
13. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
14. perfect ex____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
15. too_____te hygiene product *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
16. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
17. sp_____l distribution *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
18. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
19. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 11. interference, 12. deposit, 13. influence, 14. excuse, 15. toothpaste, 16. shock, 17. spatial, 18. collaborate, 19. rid

20. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
21. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
22. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
23. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
24. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
25. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
26. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
27. qu_____nt chart *n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
28. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
29. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
30. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

ANSWERS: 20. crazy, 21. roll, 22. mention, 23. slightly, 24. preserve, 25. relation, 26. barrier, 27. quadrant, 28. judge, 29. expansion, 30. expansion

31. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
32. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
33. ab_____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
34. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
35. qu_____y for membership *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
36. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
37. the bl__e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
38. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
39. in the for_____ng week *adj.* likely to happen or be available soon
40. or_____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
41. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 31. nostalgia, 32. diversity, 33. absence, 34. fantastic, 35. qualify, 36. react, 37. blade, 38. display, 39. forthcoming, 40. orthodox, 41. concept

42. di_____e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
43. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
44. sp_____e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
45. holy gr___l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
46. 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
47. qu_____y as a candidate *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
48. ru____e the leaves of the tree *v.* to disorder or disarrange the smoothness or evenness of something, often causing it to become wrinkled, creased, or curled; to annoy or upset someone's composure or equanimity
49. at your own p___e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
50. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 42. diffuse, 43. dimension, 44. sphere, 45. grail, 46. planet, 47. qualify, 48. ruffle, 49. pace, 50. statistics

51. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
52. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
53. a dependent do___n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
54. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
55. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
56. p__p culture *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
57. rusty d__k *n.* a long and straight-bladed dagger or short sword, typically associated with Scottish Highlanders; a small sidearm or weapon with a pointed blade and a straight handle

ANSWERS: 51. tube, 52. educational, 53. domain, 54. festival, 55. shadow, 56. pimp, 57. dirk

58. p_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
59. standing ov____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected
60. place at a di____al *adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle
61. hi____ow music *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas
62. the art of di____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
63. create sc____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
64. amb____nt attitude *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
65. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 58. paw, 59. ovation, 60. diagonal, 61. highbrow, 62. diplomacy, 63. sculpture, 64. ambivalent, 65. discuss

66. su____e ignorance *adj.* of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe
67. tu___l disease *n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
68. je____sy feeling towards another person *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
69. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
70. amb_____nt feelings *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
71. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
72. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
73. p__y engine *n.* a small horse
74. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
75. v__d delicious meals *v.* to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop
76. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
77. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 66. sublime, 67. tunnel, 68. jealousy, 69. tide, 70. ambivalent, 71. decision, 72. massive, 73. pony, 74. laptop, 75. vend, 76. holy, 77. judge

78. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
79. with an expression of ra_____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
80. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
81. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
82. a spotted p__y *n.* a small horse
83. the intricate pattern in the b__l *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
84. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
85. 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
86. se_____ty prayer *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

ANSWERS: 78. prostitute, 79. rapture, 80. develop, 81. greet, 82. pony, 83. burl, 84. artifact, 85. distance, 86. serenity

87. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
88. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
89. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
90. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
91. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
92. eva_____al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
93. as____e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
94. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

ANSWERS: 87. reconstruct, 88. exhibition, 89. develop, 90. interaction, 91. belong, 92. evangelical, 93. aspire, 94. cigarette

95. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
96. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
97. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
98. mi_____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
99. sc____l through a document *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
100. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
101. fi____e decimal *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
102. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
103. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
104. mi_____ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

ANSWERS: 95. diplomacy, 96. threaten, 97. territory, 98. mindless, 99. scroll, 100. exhibit, 101. finite, 102. amazing, 103. architect, 104. mindless

105. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
106. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
107. a sa__y investor *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
108. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
109. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
110. a stone pe_____al *n.* a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
111. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
112. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
113. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 105. tide, 106. wheat, 107. savvy, 108. tackle, 109. movement, 110. pedestal, 111. government, 112. concept, 113. identity

114. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
115. ve_____nt protest *adj.* showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm
116. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
117. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
118. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
119. merger and acq_____on *n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
120. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
121. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
122. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
123. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
124. th_____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate

ANSWERS: 114. fantastic, 115. vehement, 116. bug, 117. condemn, 118. loose, 119. acquisition, 120. acquire, 121. announcement, 122. statistics, 123. abstract, 124. thorough

125. de___t a scene *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
126. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
127. f__t size *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
128. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
129. su____e beauty *adj.* of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe
130. tu___l construction work *n.* an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars
131. make a da___g face *adj.* brave and taking risks
132. abstract sc____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
133. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
134. la____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 125. depict, 126. fan, 127. font, 128. barrier, 129. sublime, 130. tunnel, 131. daring, 132. sculpture, 133. instance, 134. landscape

135. cunning st_____em *n.* a plan or scheme, often clever or deceitful, designed to achieve a particular goal or outcome; a cunning or skillful maneuver or tactic
136. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
137. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
138. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
139. fishing par_____lia *n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle
140. the user in_____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
141. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
142. in____t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
143. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
144. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 135. stratagem, 136. aspect, 137. massive, 138. ambassador, 139. paraphernalia, 140. interface, 141. colleague, 142. insert, 143. republic, 144. profession

145. roll up a sc___l *n.* a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
146. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
147. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
148. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
149. pr_____e a rare antique *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
150. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
151. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
152. pre_____us behavior *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
153. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
154. pi_____al evidence *adj.* relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text

ANSWERS: 145. scroll, 146. mention, 147. tube, 148. diplomat, 149. procure, 150. doubt, 151. react, 152. pretentious, 153. blade, 154. pictorial

155. ar___e games *n.* a covered passageway or walkway, often lined with shops or restaurants; a series of arches supported by columns; a type of video game in which the player controls a character moving through a series of levels and obstacles
156. a cr_____ue of the social system *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
157. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
158. white kn___t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
159. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
160. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
161. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 155. arcade, 156. critique, 157. eve, 158. knight, 159. gorgeous, 160. preserve, 161. panel

162. an___t him as king *v.* to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty
163. cr_____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
164. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
165. b__l furniture *n.* a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
166. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
167. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 162. anoint, 163. crossing, 164. ray, 165. burl, 166. diplomat, 167. process

168. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
169. 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
170. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
171. ig_____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
172. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
173. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
174. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
175. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
176. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 168. undermine, 169. decide, 170. dwarf, 171. ignorant, 172. decide, 173. sticky, 174. machinery, 175. prostitute, 176. weird

177. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
178. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
179. ca_____e ray tube *n.* a negatively charged electrode that is the source of electrons in an electrical device, such as a battery or a vacuum tube
180. as___e after perfection *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
181. man_____ion of psychological stress *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
182. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
183. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
184. bring my la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
185. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
186. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
187. spontaneous ov_____n *n.* a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

ANSWERS: 177. construct, 178. profession, 179. cathode, 180. aspire, 181. manifestation, 182. capture, 183. nostalgia, 184. laptop, 185. weird, 186. courageous, 187. ovation

188. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
189. literary mas_____ce *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
190. blissfully ig_____nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
191. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
192. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
193. pi_____al representation *adj.* relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text
194. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
195. a leave of ab_____e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 188. amazing, 189. masterpiece, 190. ignorant, 191. introduction, 192. reconstruct, 193. pictorial, 194. shadow, 195. absence

196. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
197. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
198. fi_____e resources *adj.* having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
199. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
200. for_____ng book *adj.* likely to happen or be available soon
201. de_____t a feeling of isolation *v.* to illustrate someone or something in a photograph
202. sports par_____lia *n.* equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle
203. pr_____t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
204. da_____g escape *adj.* brave and taking risks
205. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
206. keep fo_____st in mind *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
207. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

ANSWERS: 196. preservation, 197. vibrate, 198. finite, 199. recycle, 200. forthcoming, 201. depict, 202. paraphernalia, 203. prompt, 204. daring, 205. architect, 206. foremost, 207. functional

208. vi_____e with anger *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
209. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
210. empty ref_____tor *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
211. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
212. pre_____us language *adj.* attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
213. harvesting wh__t *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
214. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
215. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
216. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
217. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 208. vibrate, 209. evolution, 210. refrigerator, 211. roll, 212. pretentious, 213. wheat, 214. educational, 215. bug, 216. importance, 217. misunderstand

218. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
219. colonnaded ar___e *n.* a covered passageway or walkway, often lined with shops or restaurants; a series of arches supported by columns; a type of video game in which the player controls a character moving through a series of levels and obstacles
220. 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
221. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
222. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
223. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
224. po_____ed by a fox *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
225. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
226. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 218. responsible, 219. arcade, 220. distance, 221. architecture, 222. creature, 223. digital, 224. possessed, 225. doe, 226. violent

227. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
228. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
229. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
230. a mas_____ce of design *n.* a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
231. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
232. ornate d__k *n.* a long and straight-bladed dagger or short sword, typically associated with Scottish Highlanders; a small sidearm or weapon with a pointed blade and a straight handle
233. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
234. man_____ion of a deeper problem *n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
235. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 227. colleague, 228. movement, 229. creative, 230. masterpiece, 231. ivory, 232. dirk, 233. mad, 234. manifestation, 235. digital

236. ultimate gr__l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
237. pr_____er aircraft *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
238. officious int_____nce *n.* the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
239. re__t a theory *v.* to counter or contradict an argument, claim, or accusation by providing evidence or arguments of one's own; to refute or disprove an assertion or belief
240. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
241. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
242. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
243. di_____e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
244. fun_____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

ANSWERS: 236. grail, 237. propeller, 238. interference, 239. rebut, 240. abstract, 241. acquire, 242. introduction, 243. diffuse, 244. functional

245. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
246. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
247. an or_____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
248. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
249. unilateral dec_____on *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
250. fe_____al attendee *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
251. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
252. arr_____nt of the furniture *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
253. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

ANSWERS: 245. reaction, 246. dimension, 247. orthodox, 248. interaction, 249. declaration, 250. festival, 251. shock, 252. arrangement, 253. butterfly

254. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
255. ref_____tor magnet *n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
256. gra_____us insult *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
257. v__d souvenirs *v.* to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop
258. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
259. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
260. mul_____er game *adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
261. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
262. st_____em for success *n.* a plan or scheme, often clever or deceitful, designed to achieve a particular goal or outcome; a cunning or skillful maneuver or tactic

ANSWERS: 254. interface, 255. refrigerator, 256. gratuitous, 257. vend, 258. modern, 259. modern, 260. multiplayer, 261. identity, 262. stratagem

263. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
264. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
265. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
266. burn with je_____sy *n.* a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
267. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
268. ma____e statues *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
269. an____t with oil *v.* to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty

ANSWERS: 263. importance, 264. core, 265. instrument, 266. jealousy, 267. process, 268. marble, 269. anoint

270. render gra_____us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
271. ti__d handshake *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
272. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
273. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
274. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
275. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
276. electromagnetic va__e *n.* a device for controlling the flow of a fluid or gas through a pipe or duct by means of a movable part that opens, closes, or restricts the opening
277. fall into se_____ty *n.* the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness

ANSWERS: 270. gratuitous, 271. timid, 272. construct, 273. function, 274. doubt, 275. arrangement, 276. valve, 277. serenity

278. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
279. bl__t criticism *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
280. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
281. inactive ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
282. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
283. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
284. cr_____ia for action *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
285. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
286. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

ANSWERS: 278. bomb, 279. blunt, 280. advantage, 281. machinery, 282. paradoxical, 283. courageous, 284. criteria, 285. critic, 286. blunt

287. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
288. feel great ra_____e *n.* a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
289. provide th_____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
290. eva_____al Christian group *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
291. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
292. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
293. do____n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
294. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
295. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
296. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

ANSWERS: 287. reaction, 288. rapture, 289. thorough, 290. evangelical, 291. enormous, 292. decision, 293. domain, 294. belong, 295. consequence, 296. intriguing

297. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
298. re__t allegations *v.* to counter or contradict an argument, claim, or accusation by providing evidence or arguments of one's own; to refute or disprove an assertion or belief
299. an und_____le masterpiece *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
300. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
301. sp_____l ability *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
302. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
303. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
304. the black kn____t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
305. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
306. ve_____nt criticism *adj.* showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 297. fan, 298. rebut, 299. undeniable, 300. brilliant, 301. spatial, 302. undermine, 303. enormous, 304. knight, 305. bomb, 306. vehement

307. an und_____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
308. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
309. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
310. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
311. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
312. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
313. he__y breakfast *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
314. consistency cr_____ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

ANSWERS: 307. undeniable, 308. function, 309. consequence, 310. evolution, 311. instrument, 312. announcement, 313. hefty, 314. criteria

315. pr_____er design *n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft
316. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
317. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
318. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
319. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
320. 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
321. di_____al pattern *adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle
322. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
323. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 315. propeller, 316. rid, 317. instance, 318. excuse, 319. aspect, 320. planet, 321. diagonal, 322. responsible, 323. debate

324. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
325. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
326. mul_____er experience *adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
327. like a person po_____ed *adj.* controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
328. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
329. Northeast qu_____nt *n.* a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
330. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
331. ta___e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
332. ti__d tone *adj.* showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
333. dec_____on of independence *n.* a formal or explicit statement or announcement
334. e_e of the party *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

ANSWERS: 324. distribute, 325. exhibit, 326. multiplayer, 327. possessed, 328. collaborate, 329. quadrant, 330. doe, 331. tackle, 332. timid, 333. declaration, 334. eve

335. f_y an egg *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
336. s__r his reputation *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
337. adu_____ed food *adj.* made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased
338. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
339. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
340. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
341. s__r a drink *v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
342. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
343. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
344. devastating cr_____ue *n.* a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation

ANSWERS: 335. fry, 336. slur, 337. adulterated, 338. critic, 339. ambassador, 340. territory, 341. slur, 342. crazy, 343. distribute, 344. critique

345. business sp___e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
346. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
347. de_____t money *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
348. p_w pad *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
349. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
350. ca_____e electrode in a battery *n.* a negatively charged electrode that is the source of electrons in an electrical device, such as a battery or a vacuum tube
351. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
352. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

ANSWERS: 345. sphere, 346. emotional, 347. deposit, 348. paw, 349. misunderstand, 350. cathode, 351. advantage, 352. ivory

353. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
354. fo____ss wall *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
355. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
356. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
357. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
358. lingual di____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
359. ru___e feathers *v.* to disorder or disarrange the smoothness or evenness of something, often causing it to become wrinkled, creased, or curled; to annoy or upset someone's composure or equanimity
360. apparently par____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
361. hi____ow conversation *adj.* relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

ANSWERS: 353. loose, 354. fortress, 355. holy, 356. capture, 357. creative, 358. diversity, 359. ruffle, 360. paradoxical, 361. highbrow

362. military fo____ss *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
363. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
364. p__p lifestyle *n.* a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker
365. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
366. 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
367. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
368. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
369. 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
370. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 362. fortress, 363. tower, 364. pimp, 365. intriguing, 366. hell, 367. aesthetic, 368. dwarf, 369. landscape, 370. recycle

371. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
372. a go____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
373. ae____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
374. va__e control *n.* a device for controlling the flow of a fluid or gas through a pipe or duct by means of a movable part that opens, closes, or restricts the opening
375. artificial ma____e *n.* a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games
376. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
377. the re____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
378. adu____ed with toxic substances *adj.* made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased

ANSWERS: 371. threaten, 372. gorgeous, 373. aesthetic, 374. valve, 375. marble, 376. debate, 377. republic, 378. adulterated

379. he__y price *adj.* large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance
380. in___t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
381. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
382. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
383. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
384. pr_____e services *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
385. too_____te tube *n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath
386. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
387. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
388. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
389. opaque to X-r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
390. a cr_____ng-keeper *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

ANSWERS: 379. hefty, 380. insert, 381. pace, 382. mad, 383. exhibition, 384. procure, 385. toothpaste, 386. government, 387. universe, 388. greet, 389. ray, 390. crossing

391. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
392. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
393. acq_____on process *n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
394. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
395. script f__t *n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
396. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
397. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
398. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
399. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
400. tech-sa__y *n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity

ANSWERS: 391. influence, 392. panel, 393. acquisition, 394. violent, 395. font, 396. butterfly, 397. cigarette, 398. creature, 399. sticky, 400. savvy

401. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
402. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
403. pr___t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
404. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
405. f_y over low heat *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
406. fo_____st expert *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
407. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
408. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 401. condemn, 402. core, 403. prompt, 404. display, 405. fry, 406. foremost, 407. preservation, 408. emotional

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
2. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.
n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
3. The house owner loved the large hanging _____ in the guest room.
n. a long roll of paper containing writing; (verb) to move through text or graphics on a screen to view different parts of them
4. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.
n. a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
5. Meditation and yoga are great ways to achieve _____ and peace of mind.
n. the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled; a feeling of tranquility or peacefulness
6. The Mona Lisa is widely considered to be a _____ of art.
n. a work of art that is exceptionally good or highly skilled; a great achievement
7. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

ANSWERS: 1. slightly, 2. diplomacy, 3. scroll, 4. festival, 5. serenity, 6. masterpiece, 7. acquire

8. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
- v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
9. The public _____ was filled with the sound of children laughing and playing games.
- n.* a covered passageway or walkway, often lined with shops or restaurants; a series of arches supported by columns; a type of video game in which the player controls a character moving through a series of levels and obstacles
10. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
11. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
12. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
13. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
14. The game has a _____ mode where you can play with friends online.
- adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
15. The gust of wind _____ through her hair.
- v.* to disorder or disarrange the smoothness or evenness of something, often causing it to become wrinkled, creased, or curled; to annoy or upset someone's composure or equanimity

ANSWERS: 8. aspired, 9. arcade, 10. introduction, 11. instances, 12. artifacts, 13. concept, 14. multiplayer, 15. ruffled

16. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

17. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

18. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

19. Unfortunately, the radio _____ made it difficult to hear the broadcast.

n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with

20. The view from the mountaintop was genuinely _____.

adj. of such excellence, grandeur, or beauty as to inspire great admiration or awe

21. Her influence on teenagers is _____.

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

22. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

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

23. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

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

ANSWERS: 16. collaborate, 17. sculptures, 18. tower, 19. interference, 20. sublime, 21. undeniable, 22. territory, 23. excuse

24. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
25. Following the _____ from the professor, students rewrite their essays and submit them for final evaluation.
n. a detailed analysis or examination of something, especially a literary, philosophical, or political theory; an essay or article that gives a critical evaluation
26. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
27. I feel _____ about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.
adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
28. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
29. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
30. The top three teams in this tournament _____ for the Olympics.
v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
31. The _____ in a fluorescent light bulb emits electrons when electricity excites gas atoms to produce light.
n. a negatively charged electrode that is the source of electrons in an electrical device, such as a battery or a vacuum tube

ANSWERS: 24. tackle, 25. critique, 26. nostalgia, 27. ambivalent, 28. enormous, 29. process, 30. qualify, 31. cathode

32. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

33. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

34. 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

35. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

36. His son had accurately _____ the bloom.

v. to illustrate someone or something in a photograph

37. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

38. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

39. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 32. thorough, 33. prompted, 34. responsible, 35. barrier, 36. depicted, 37. judge, 38. mentioned, 39. diplomat

40. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
41. Human beings have a _____ lifespan, so we yearn for the idea of immortality.
adj. having a limit or restriction of size, time, etc.
42. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.
adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
43. His _____ of his brother's success caused a rift in their relationship.
n. a feeling of resentment or bitterness towards someone because they have something that you desire
44. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
45. I'm a big ____ of French food.
n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
46. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
47. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.
adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

ANSWERS: 40. architecture, 41. finite, 42. paradoxical, 43. jealousy, 44. universe, 45. fan, 46. constructs, 47. brilliant

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

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

49. He challenged the _____ views on business.

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

50. I always use mint-flavored _____ to refresh my mouth in the morning and at night.

- n.* a paste or gel used for cleaning the teeth and freshening the breath

51. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

52. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

53. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

54. He presented evidence to _____ the accusations against him.

- v.* to counter or contradict an argument, claim, or accusation by providing evidence or arguments of one's own; to refute or disprove an assertion or belief

ANSWERS: 48. develop, 49. orthodox, 50. toothpaste, 51. debate, 52. belong, 53. amazing, 54. rebut

55. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
56. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
57. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
58. She was _____ by a fierce determination to succeed.
adj. controlled or influenced by a strong emotion or belief
59. He didn't meet all the _____ but he was hired anyway.
n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
60. The _____ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.
adj. given or done without charge or payment
61. The ____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
62. The ancient _____ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.
n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

ANSWERS: 55. doe, 56. statistics, 57. importance, 58. possessed, 59. criteria, 60. gratuitous, 61. tube, 62. fortress

63. The company's latest _____ of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.
- n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
64. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.
- adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
65. The _____ on the pipeline was leaking, so maintenance had to shut it off to make repairs.
- n.* a device for controlling the flow of a fluid or gas through a pipe or duct by means of a movable part that opens, closes, or restricts the opening
66. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
67. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
68. 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
69. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 63. acquisition, 64. holy, 65. valve, 66. discuss, 67. interaction, 68. decide, 69. panel

70. The general used a clever _____ to outsmart the enemy and secure victory.
n. a plan or scheme, often clever or deceitful, designed to achieve a particular goal or outcome; a cunning or skillful maneuver or tactic
71. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.
v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
72. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
73. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
74. 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
75. He gazed at the actor in _____.
n. a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness or excitement
76. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway _____.
n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
77. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 70. stratagem, 71. reconstruct, 72. recycle, 73. intriguing, 74. government, 75. rapture, 76. crossing, 77. creative

78. The food and drug administration warned consumers not to purchase _____ medicine.

adj. made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased

79. The _____ election is causing a lot of tension and uncertainty.

adj. likely to happen or be available soon

80. 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

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

82. The art gallery displayed a beautiful _____ exhibition of landscapes and portraits.

adj. relating to, consisting of, or expressed through pictures or visual representation; illustrated or depicted visually rather than through words or text

83. The _____ box of books was too heavy to lift on my own.

adj. large, bulky, and heavy; impressively large, substantial, or powerful; large in amount, extent, or significance

84. She only reads _____ literature, such as classic novels and philosophical essays.

adj. relating to or appealing to people who are highly educated or intellectual; involving or interested in serious artistic or cultural ideas

ANSWERS: 78. adulterated, 79. forthcoming, 80. hell, 81. fantastic, 82. pictorial, 83. hefty, 84. highbrow

85. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
86. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
87. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
88. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
89. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
90. 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
91. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

ANSWERS: 85. cigarette, 86. bombs, 87. digital, 88. architect, 89. shadow, 90. landscape, 91. expansion,

92. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
93. He concealed a small _____ in his coat for protection.
- n.* a long and straight-bladed dagger or short sword, typically associated with Scottish Highlanders; a small sidearm or weapon with a pointed blade and a straight handle
94. The farmer grew _____ on his land.
- n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
95. I changed the _____ on my resume to make it more visually appealing.
- n.* a complete set of characters in a particular style and size used for printing text or displaying information on a screen
96. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the _____ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.
- n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
97. His business _____ was evident in the success of his company.
- n.* the condition of being aware of and able to deal with a situation effectively; (adjective) having knowledge and understanding of a particular subject or activity
98. The boat's _____ stopped working in the middle of the lake.
- n.* a device with rotating blades or vanes used for propulsion or creating lift, typically used on boats or aircraft

ANSWERS: 92. advantages, 93. dirk, 94. wheat, 95. font, 96. knight, 97. savvy, 98. propeller

99. Don't forget to put the eggs in the _____ after you've used them.
- n.* an appliance or device used for preserving and cooling food and beverages by maintaining a low temperature within a closed compartment
100. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.
- v.* to put something inside something else
101. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
102. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.
- n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
103. 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
104. He shouldn't be allowed to _____ people based on race or sexuality.
- v.* to speak about someone or something in a way that is insulting, derogatory, or libelous; to damage or smear a person's reputation by making false or defamatory statements
105. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
106. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 99. refrigerator, 100. inserted, 101. display, 102. preservation, 103. planet, 104. slur, 105. instrument, 106. preserve

107. 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
108. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.
n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
109. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
110. The _____ guest at the party talked endlessly about his expensive taste in wine.
adj. attempting to impress others by pretending to be more important, innovative, or significant than is actually the case; showy or ostentatious
111. I need to _____ some supplies for the upcoming project.
v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
112. The _____ on the tree trunk added character to the table made from it.
n. a type of growth on a tree that develops into a rounded, knotty lump and is often prized for its unique and attractive pattern, used in woodworking and decorative arts
113. _____ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.
adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
114. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal

ANSWERS: 107. relations, 108. laptop, 109. shock, 110. pretentious, 111. procure, 112. burl, 113. Mindless, 114. creature

115. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
- n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
116. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
117. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
- v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
118. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
- n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
119. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.
- n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
120. How did he _____ to your idea?
- v.* to take action in response to something
121. The search for the _____ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.
- n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
122. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
123. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 115. consequences, 116. cores, 117. condemned, 118. manifestation, 119. absence, 120. react, 121. grail, 122. weird, 123. capture

124. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

- n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

125. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.

- v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

126. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

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

127. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

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

128. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

- adj.* relating to people's feelings

129. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

130. 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: 124. blade, 125. exhibit, 126. dimensions, 127. movement, 128. emotional, 129. function, 130. distance

131. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

132. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

133. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

134. The singer received an _____ from the crowd after her performance.

n. a sustained and enthusiastic show of appreciation, usually given in the form of applause, for something or someone that is admired or respected

135. Her choices become increasingly _____ and creative.

adj. brave and taking risks

136. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

137. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.

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

138. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 131. rays, 132. republic, 133. undermine, 134. ovation, 135. daring, 136. ivory, 137. butterfly, 138. bug

139. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

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

140. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

141. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

142. The workers had to dig through solid rock to create the vehicular _____ allowing the cars to pass through the mountain.

n. an underground or underwater passage, typically for trains or cars

143. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

144. She expressed her _____ opposition to the proposed changes in the company's policies.

adj. showing strong, intense, or passionate feelings or conviction; marked by forceful energy or enthusiasm

145. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

146. The President made the _____ of war.

n. a formal or explicit statement or announcement

ANSWERS: 139. rid, 140. crazy, 141. greeted, 142. tunnel, 143. blunt, 144. vehement, 145. violent, 146. declaration

147. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
148. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
149. The _____ dog cowered in fear when approached by a stranger.
adj. showing a lack of courage or confidence; easily frightened, shy, or hesitant in the face of danger or potential risk
150. The map was divided into four _____ to examine the geographical region closely.
n. a quarter of a circle or sphere or any of the four parts of an area divided by two intersecting lines or planes
151. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
152. The statue was placed on a _____ in the center of the park.
n. a base or support on which something, typically a statue, column, etc., is placed
153. He carefully determined the _____ relations of every piece of the stage set.
adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
154. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 147. aspects, 148. sphere, 149. timid, 150. quadrants, 151. threatening, 152. pedestal, 153. spatial, 154. decision

155. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

156. The _____ cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

adj. at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

157. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.

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

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

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

159. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

160. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

161. The priest will _____ the sick with holy oil in hopes of a speedy recovery.

v. to apply oil or some other substance to something or someone as part of a religious or ceremonial act; to smear or rub with oil or a similar substance as a form of treatment or protection; to designate or appoint someone for a special mission or duty

162. She packed all her camping _____ including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking utensils.

n. equipment, tools, or items necessary for a particular activity, profession, or hobby; personal belongings or accessories associated with a particular activity or lifestyle

ANSWERS: 155. prostitute, 156. diagonal, 157. sticky, 158. critics, 159. foremost, 160. distributed, 161. anoint, 162. paraphernalia,

163. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

164. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

165. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

166. At this ranch, children can experience riding a _____.

n. a small horse

167. The floor was made of white and black _____ arranged in a checkerboard pattern.

n. a hard crystalline metamorphic rock that has a pattern of lines going through it and takes a high polish used for sculpture and as building material; a small ball made of stone, especially one used in children's games

168. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

169. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.

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

170. The _____ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

ANSWERS: 163. massive, 164. profession, 165. rolled, 166. pony, 167. marble, 168. pace, 169. reaction, 170. evangelical

171. Direct lighting is preferable to _____ lighting when reading.

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

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

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

173. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

174. The ____ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

175. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

176. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

177. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

178. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

ANSWERS: 171. diffuse, 172. educational, 173. interface, 174. eve, 175. influence, 176. misunderstand, 177. arrangement, 178. aesthetic

179. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

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

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

181. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

182. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

183. The local _____ was able to vend all of his fresh produce by the end of the day.

v. to sell or offer for sale, especially as a street vendor or in a small shop

184. The lazy _____ controlled and exploited the women working for him.

n. a person, typically a man, who lives off the earnings of a prostitute or sex worker

185. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

186. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

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

ANSWERS: 179. tide, 180. vibrate, 181. Doubt, 182. loose, 183. vendor, 184. pimp, 185. modern, 186. diversity

187. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

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

adj. wonderful and attractive

189. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

190. She devoted herself to _____ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

191. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

192. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

193. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

194. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 187. dwarf, 188. gorgeous, 189. evolution, 190. frying, 191. courageous, 192. ignorant, 193. machinery, 194. abstract

195. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

196. He was ___ with joy to see the results.

- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

197. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.

- n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

198. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.

- n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

199. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.

- adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

200. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

- n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

201. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.

- n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

ANSWERS: 195. identity, 196. mad, 197. deposit, 198. domain, 199. functional, 200. ambassador, 201. exhibition

202. The cat batted at the toy with its ____.

- n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

203. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

204. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.

- n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

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