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Session 1: Word List

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym : disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

bot

n. a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

synonym : robot, droid, android

(1) spam **bot**, (2) **bot** detection

The translation **bot** helped me translate a website from another country.

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.

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.

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym: informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government

whistleblower

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

traitor

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

synonym: betrayal, turncoat, renegade

(1) political **traitor**, (2) notorious **traitor**

The government branded him a **traitor** after he leaked classified information to the press.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

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.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym: nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym: manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

- rev** *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym : revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.
- journalist** *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
synonym : reporter, newsperson, press
(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- propel** *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
synonym : drive, push, move
(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship
An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.
- intelligence** *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness
(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- communal** *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
synonym : collaborative, combined, collective
(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds
Communal elections were held in several European countries.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

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.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym: approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

representative

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

synonym: spokesperson, agent, delegate

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

The media **representatives** had special passes.

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.

maxim

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

synonym: adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**
A good **maxim** is never out of season.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

employee

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

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

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

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

contractor

n. a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

synonym: builder, declarer, construction company

(1) management **contractor**, (2) major defense **contractor**

The company hired a **contractor** to remodel their office building.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to that law.

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.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

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**.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

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.

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.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

slide

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

synonym: glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

prism

n. a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

synonym: crystal, polyhedron

(1) **prism** spectrometer, (2) a **prism** of viewpoints

The scientist used an optical **prism** to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

metadata

n. information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file

synonym: data about data, descriptive information, metainformation

(1) **metadata** analysis, (2) **metadata** storage

The **metadata** for a video game includes information about the game's platform and release date.

warrant

n. a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period

synonym: authorization, license, permit

(1) arrest **warrant**, (2) **warrant** of commitment

The police obtained a search **warrant** to enter the suspect's house and gather evidence.

wiretap

v. to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line

synonym: tap, bug, intercept

(1) receiver to **wiretap** transmission data, (2) **wiretap** private communications

It later appeared that the police had **wiretapped** the suspect's conversations.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym : administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

deputy

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym : aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

resist

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

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed
I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

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.

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym: rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

reject

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

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

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

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

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.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

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.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

analyst

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

synonym : reviewer, investigator, judge

(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**

The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

server

n. a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant

synonym : computer, waiter, waitperson

(1) a mail **server**, (2) work as a **server** in a restaurant
After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the **server** went down.

pall *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting

synonym: boredom, weariness, monotony

(1) a **pall** of darkness, (2) **pall** of sadness

The news of the tragedy cast a **pall** over the entire community.

backroom *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner

synonym: secret, hidden, private

(1) the boys in the **backroom**, (2) **backroom** negotiations

The manager held a secret meeting in the **backroom** to discuss the new project.

handle *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

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.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym : birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym : depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that

represent numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

advocate

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

synonym : proponent, exponent, promoter

(1) an **advocate** of disarmament, (2) public education
advocates

Advocates of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

stride

v. to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

synonym: step, walk, march

(1) **stride** across a room, (2) **stride** down a slope

She **strides** confidently across the stage to accept her award.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

germ

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

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

browse

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

synonym : look around, look through, scan

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

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym : seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

boundless

adj. having no limits; limitless

synonym : limitless, indefinite, bottomless

(1) **boundless** imagination, (2) **boundless** energy

The **boundless** ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
synonym: fitting, suitable, proper
(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time
It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
synonym: inelegant, coarse, barbarian
(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation
The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

ballpark

v. a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
synonym: arena, proximity, vicinity
(1) **ballpark** price, (2) major-league **ballpark**
It'll be somewhere in the **ballpark** of \$100.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate
(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds
We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
synonym: ambush, block, prevent
(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

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

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

headline

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

synonym: title, caption

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

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

news.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym : parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

oath

n. a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

synonym : pledge, vow, promise

(1) **oath** of allegiance, (2) promise an **oath**

He took an **oath** to uphold the law as a police officer.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym : breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

- viol** *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument
(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music
The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- accident** *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
synonym : calamity, casualty, chance
(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**
The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.
- chairperson** *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
synonym : director, head, leader
(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**
The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.
- Senate** *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
synonym : upper house, council, assembly
(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee
The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
- committee** *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
synonym : panel, board, council
(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member
The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.
- oversight** *n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
synonym : supervision, monitoring, failure

(1) environmental **oversight**, (2) **oversight** committee
Due to careless **oversight**, the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.

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.

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.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

misinterpret

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

synonym: misunderstand, falsify, misconstrue

(1) **misinterpret** the purpose, (2) **misinterpret** the data
He **misinterpreted** her statement and got the wrong idea.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**
Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym:

likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

individualize

v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.

synonym: personalize, differentiate

(1) **individualize** each patient, (2) **individualize** dosages

Our schools offer **individualized** education by excellent teachers.

suspicion

n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong

synonym: doubt, misgiving, skepticism

(1) **suspicion** of fraud, (2) cast **suspicion**

There was an almost certain **suspicion** that the company was involved in illegal activities.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

entirety

n. the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something

synonym: totality, completeness, wholeness

(1) the **entirety** of the situation, (2) the **entirety** of the book

They refused to accept the proposal in its **entirety**, demanding revisions.

temptation

n. the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

synonym:

allure, attraction, enticement

(1) withstand **temptation**, (2) many **temptations**

Researchers often succumb to the **temptation** of accolades and commit research misconduct.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym: angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

flea

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

synonym: pulex, siphonaptera, biter

(1) local **flea** market, (2) **flea** infestation

The **flea-borne** disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

betray

v. to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

synonym: fail, denounce, display

(1) **betray** a friend, (2) **betray** confidence

He felt **betrayed** when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.

ignite

v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning

synonym: light, set fire to, ignite

(1) **ignite** a boom, (2) **ignite** passion

He **ignited** the fireworks with a single spark.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym: fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

overblow

v. to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something

synonym: exaggerate, inflate, magnify

(1) **overblow** trumpet, (2) **overblow** a rumor

The media tends to **overblow** certain events to create sensational headlines.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious

not to **damage** a blood vessel.

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

conception

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

synonym: notion, abstraction, cogitation

(1) a grand **conception**, (2) the **conception** of the good
I have no **conception** of what you intend.

prerogative

n. a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom

synonym: entitlement, privilege, right

(1) **prerogative** of the king, (2) legislative **prerogative**

It is the president's **prerogative** to veto a bill that he doesn't agree with.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as

a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

fraternity

n. a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

synonym : brotherhood, association, society

(1) the medical **fraternity**, (2) **fraternity** party

My college students join a **fraternity** to make connections and build a sense of community.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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.

abide

v. to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition

synonym: reside, dwell, live

(1) **abide** by a contract, (2) **abide** in the same place

They must **abide** by the rules set by the governing body.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

techie

n. a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

synonym: geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

candor

n. the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense

synonym : frankness, honesty, openness

(1) **candor** policy, (2) speak with **candor**

Her **candor** in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

infrastructure

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

synonym : foundation, framework

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

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

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym : knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

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

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true
synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy
Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

backdoor

adj. a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system

synonym : hidden, secret, covert

(1) **backdoor** access, (2) **backdoor** software

The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a **backdoor** deal with the government to avoid taxes.

exploit

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

synonym : use, abuse, control

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

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

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

monitor

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

synonym: proctor, check, observe

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

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

subvert

v. to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

cyberattack

n. an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

synonym: cyber intrusion, hack, cyberterrorism

(1) **cyberattack** prevention, (2) **cyberattack** defense system

The hackers launched a devastating **cyberattack**, stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons

Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

unfounded

adj. not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification

synonym: baseless, groundless, untrue

(1) **unfounded** allegations, (2) **unfounded** fears

The accusations were **unfounded** and lacked evidence.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym: confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

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.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym: illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action

The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

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.

imminent

adj. coming or likely to happen very soon

synonym: looming, coming, impending

(1) **imminent** danger, (2) **imminent** arrest

This country was long faced with **imminent** peril.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym: inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

terrorism

n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

(1) **terrorism** against civilians, (2) anti- **terrorism** bill

Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of **terrorism**.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

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.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love
Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

synonym: dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym: reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

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.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

reckless

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

synonym: impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner

Reckless youth makes rueful age.

endangered

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

synonym: at risk, threatened, vulnerable

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

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

heroic

adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers

The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

synonym : latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

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.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym : freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

microphone

n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder

synonym : mic, megaphone, amplifier

(1) **microphone** cable, (2) built-in **microphone**

The interviewer asked him to speak into the **microphone**.

proposal

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

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

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

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

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

avatar

n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

synonym: embodiment, expression, apotheosis

(1) digital **avatar**, (2) the **avatar** of the authority

A person's cyberspace **avatar** often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

encode

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

synonym: transcribe, convert

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

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

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym : take part, partake, enter

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

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

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

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.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

contribute

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

synonym: donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

rely

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

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym: victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark

something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

argument

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

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym : size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

revisit

v. to go to a place again, especially after a long period

synonym : reexplore, review, reexamine

(1) **revisit** a place, (2) **revisit** an old friend

We need to **revisit** this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.

rebalance

v. to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability

synonym: adjust, realign, readjust

(1) **rebalance** the budget, (2) **rebalance** team roles

I need to **rebalance** my investment portfolio to reduce risk.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

beam

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

synonym: ray, ray of light, shaft of light

(1) **beam** of light, (2) a structural **beam** of a building

The sun's **beam** shone through the window and illuminated the room.

amnesty

n. a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
synonym : pardon, clemency, reprieve

(1) grant an **amnesty**, (2) **amnesty** for debt

The government declared **amnesty** for all political prisoners.

underlie

v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

synonym : govern, control, determine

(1) **underlie** the theory of the big bang, (2) **underlie** the current economic deadlock

His bitter experiences **underlie** his moral principles.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym : clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

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

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

meantime

n. the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

synonym : interim, meanwhile, lag

(1) **meantime** report, (2) for the **meantime**

In the **meantime**, while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.

courtesy

n. polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people

synonym : civility, politeness, respect

(1) **courtesy** call, (2) fail to show **courtesy**

Different cultures have different ways of expressing **courtesy**.

encapsulate

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

synonym: enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. personal li____y | <i>n.</i> the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views |
| 2. me____ta storage | <i>n.</i> information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file |
| 3. b__y in the earth | <i>v.</i> to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb |
| 4. cal_____on of loss and gain | <i>n.</i> the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something |
| 5. environmental ov_____ht | <i>n.</i> the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something |
| 6. local h__o | <i>n.</i> a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities |
| 7. co_____t my wallet | <i>v.</i> to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject |
| 8. sl__e a card across the table | <i>v.</i> to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption |
| 9. human in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |

ANSWERS: 1. liberty, 2. metadata, 3. bury, 4. calculation, 5. oversight, 6. hero, 7. consult, 8. slide, 9. intellect

10. me____ta analysis *n.* information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file
11. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
12. promise an o__h *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
13. local f__a market *n.* a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
14. 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
15. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
16. 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
17. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
18. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. metadata, 11. government, 12. oath, 13. flea, 14. arrangement, 15. headline, 16. undermine, 17. invite, 18. exploit

19. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
20. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
21. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
22. st____e across a room *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
23. 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
24. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
25. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
26. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
27. pr__m spectrometer *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

ANSWERS: 19. recognize, 20. invest, 21. communal, 22. stride, 23. panel, 24. basis, 25. represent, 26. independence, 27. prism

28. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
29. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
30. major-league ba____rk *v.* a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
31. a pr__m of viewpoints *n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic
32. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
33. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
34. en____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
35. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 28. embody, 29. invite, 30. ballpark, 31. prism, 32. intelligence, 33. offend, 34. encourage, 35. economy

36. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
37. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
38. ig___e passion *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
39. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
40. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
41. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
42. mis_____ret the data *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
43. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
44. re_____ce the budget *v.* to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability
45. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
46. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
47. 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

ANSWERS: 36. creditor, 37. proof, 38. ignite, 39. appreciate, 40. intention, 41. bond, 42. misinterpret, 43. relation, 44. rebalance, 45. defend, 46. independence, 47. undermine

48. trespass on a person's pr____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
49. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
50. zealous pa____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
51. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
52. in a re____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
53. way to mi____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
54. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
55. 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
56. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
57. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 48. privacy, 49. argument, 50. patriot, 51. threat, 52. reckless, 53. minimize, 54. threaten, 55. preserve, 56. advocate, 57. accident

58. cyb_____ck defense system *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
59. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
60. ro__h estimation *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
61. vice cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
62. di_____nt activities *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
63. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
64. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
65. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
66. a ro____t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
67. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
68. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 58. cyberattack, 59. creditor, 60. rough, 61. chairperson, 62. dissident, 63. rough, 64. probable, 65. encourage, 66. robust, 67. disturb, 68. conversation

69. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
70. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
71. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
72. arrest wa____t *n.* a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period
73. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
74. de____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
75. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
76. a de____y governor *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
77. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

ANSWERS: 69. specific, 70. invest, 71. emotional, 72. warrant, 73. terrifying, 74. declare, 75. tradition, 76. deputy, 77. representative

78. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
79. a p__l of darkness *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
80. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
81. 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
82. blind pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
83. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
84. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
85. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
86. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

ANSWERS: 78. destroy, 79. pall, 80. testimony, 81. identity, 82. patriot, 83. magnitude, 84. mystery, 85. monitor, 86. advocate

87. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
88. im____nt danger *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
89. give silent co____t *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
90. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
91. ab__e in the same place *v.* to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition
92. economic re____m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
93. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
94. res____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
95. a ch____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
96. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 87. argue, 88. imminent, 89. consent, 90. guilt, 91. abide, 92. reform, 93. prioritize, 94. responsible, 95. champion, 96. rid

97. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
98. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
99. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
100. aspiring te____es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
101. mo____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
102. de____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
103. cyb____ck prevention *n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network
104. em____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
105. designed spe____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
106. political tr____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

ANSWERS: 97. furious, 98. achieve, 99. accident, 100. techie, 101. monitor, 102. defensive, 103. cyberattack, 104. embody, 105. specifically, 106. traitor

107. un____ie the theory of the big bang *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
108. be____y a friend *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally
109. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
110. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
111. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
112. ig____e a boom *v.* to set on fire; to cause to start burning
113. 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
114. vi____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
115. en____e information *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
116. co____l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

ANSWERS: 107. underlie, 108. betray, 109. coop, 110. instance, 111. rev, 112. ignite, 113. debate, 114. violation, 115. encode, 116. compel

117. cast su_____on *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
118. p__l of sadness *n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
119. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
120. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
121. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
122. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
123. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
124. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
125. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
126. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 117. suspicion, 118. pall, 119. democracy, 120. corporate, 121. declare, 122. slide, 123. congress, 124. counterpart, 125. context, 126. achieve

127. mis_____ret the purpose *v.* to understand or explain something in the wrong way
128. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
129. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
130. b__m of light *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source
131. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
132. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
133. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
134. receiver to wi_____p transmission data *v.* to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
135. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
136. a divine rev_____on *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

ANSWERS: 127. misinterpret, 128. employee, 129. coop, 130. beam, 131. invade, 132. minimize, 133. shocking, 134. wiretap, 135. viol, 136. revelation

137. bo_____ss imagination *adj.* having no limits; limitless
138. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
139. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
140. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
141. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
142. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
143. wa_____t of commitment *n.* a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period
144. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
145. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
146. the en_____ty of the situation *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something

ANSWERS: 137. boundless, 138. proposal, 139. secrecy, 140. appropriate, 141. satisfy, 142. infrastructure, 143. warrant, 144. offend, 145. provoke, 146. entirety

147. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
148. mi_____d him into trusting her *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
149. the en_____ty of the book *n.* the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
150. re_____t a place *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
151. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
152. unc_____nal violation *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
153. im_____nt arrest *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
154. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
155. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
156. ov_____ow trumpet *v.* to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something

ANSWERS: 147. mystery, 148. mislead, 149. entirety, 150. revisit, 151. democracy, 152. unconstitutional, 153. imminent, 154. basis, 155. reject, 156. overblow

157. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
158. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
159. enc_____te the essence *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
160. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
161. enc_____te the message *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
162. ba_____om negotiations *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
163. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
164. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

ANSWERS: 157. amazing, 158. involve, 159. encapsulate, 160. statistics, 161. encapsulate, 162. backroom, 163. recognize, 164. administrator

165. 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
166. work as a se___r in a restaurant *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
167. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
168. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
169. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
170. act upon a ma___m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
171. al___e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
172. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
173. de___e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
174. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 165. decide, 166. server, 167. motivation, 168. representative, 169. intellect, 170. maxim, 171. allege, 172. communicate, 173. degrade, 174. tremendous

175. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
176. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
177. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
178. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
179. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
180. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
181. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
182. en_____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
183. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 175. threat, 176. bury, 177. decide, 178. absolutely, 179. traditionally, 180. handle, 181. property, 182. encrypt, 183. argue

184. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
185. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
186. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
187. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
188. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
189. o__h of allegiance *n.* a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty
190. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
191. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
192. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
193. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 184. consultant, 185. furious, 186. internal, 187. transparency, 188. argument, 189. oath, 190. ignore, 191. laptop, 192. guilt, 193. committed

194. re_____t an old friend *v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period
195. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
196. ind_____ize each patient *v.* to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.
197. major defense con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
198. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
199. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
200. constitutional am_____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
201. un_____ed allegations *adj.* not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
202. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
203. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
204. de___y attorney general *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

ANSWERS: 194. revisit, 195. engaging, 196. individualize, 197. contractor, 198. mass, 199. intentionally, 200. amendment, 201. unfounded, 202. relation, 203. congress, 204. deputy

205. ba____or access *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
206. anti-te_____sm bill *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
207. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
208. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
209. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
210. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
211. ov_____ow a rumor *v.* to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something

ANSWERS: 205. backdoor, 206. terrorism, 207. visceral, 208. visceral, 209. tradition, 210. communicate, 211. overblow

212. su____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
213. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
214. b_t detection *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
215. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
216. en___e data *v.* to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
217. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
218. for the me_____me *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
219. co_____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
220. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 212. subvert, 213. statistics, 214. bot, 215. importance, 216. encode, 217. viol, 218. meantime, 219. consent, 220. rely

221. 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
222. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
223. the medical fra_____ty *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
224. assume the de_____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
225. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
226. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
227. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
228. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
229. ind_____ize dosages *v.* to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.
230. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 221. judge, 222. represent, 223. fraternity, 224. defensive, 225. deny, 226. estimate, 227. principle, 228. rely, 229. individualize, 230. consult

231. te_____sm against civilians *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
232. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
233. st___e down a slope *v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress
234. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
235. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
236. am_____y for debt *n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
237. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
238. 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
239. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 231. terrorism, 232. refer, 233. stride, 234. consultant, 235. heroic, 236. amnesty, 237. committed, 238. process, 239. interpretation

240. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
241. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
242. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
243. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
244. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
245. buy the company's st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
246. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
247. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
248. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
249. spam b_t *n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users

ANSWERS: 240. headline, 241. dialogue, 242. subvert, 243. journalism, 244. intercept, 245. stake, 246. invade, 247. struggle, 248. poetic, 249. bot

250. for spe_____ly American customers
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
251. or_____ry annual revenue
adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
252. Se_____e Finance Committee
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
253. the con_____on of the good
n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
254. f__a infestation
n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds
255. field of artificial int_____nce
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
256. the form of a di_____ue
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
257. his conclusion was ob_____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
258. he is kept under sur_____nce
n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
259. com_____se the matter
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
260. pr_____le of treatment
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
261. em_____ee evaluation
n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 250. specifically, 251. ordinary, 252. Senate, 253. conception, 254. flea, 255. intelligence, 256. dialogue, 257. obvious, 258. surveillance, 259. compromise, 260. principle, 261. employee

262. mi____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
263. Se___e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
264. cr____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
265. minor traffic of____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
266. withstand tem_____on *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
267. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
268. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
269. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
270. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
271. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company

ANSWERS: 262. mislead, 263. Senate, 264. criminal, 265. offense, 266. temptation, 267. journalist, 268. committee, 269. whistleblower, 270. aim, 271. corporate

272. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
273. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
274. li_____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
275. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
276. lib_____an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
277. a first of_____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
278. un_____ie the current economic deadlock *v.* to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below

ANSWERS: 272. damage, 273. discuss, 274. liberty, 275. germ, 276. libertarian, 277. offense, 278. underlie

279. outspoken di_____nt *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
280. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
281. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
282. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
283. management con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
284. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
285. ca___r policy *n.* the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
286. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
287. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
288. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through

ANSWERS: 279. dissident, 280. hint, 281. endangered, 282. conversation, 283. contractor, 284. offensive, 285. candor, 286. committee, 287. compromise, 288. transparency

289. legislative pre_____ve *n.* a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom
290. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
291. many tem_____ons *n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire
292. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
293. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
294. notorious tr_____r *n.* a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign
295. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
296. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

ANSWERS: 289. prerogative, 290. vital, 291. temptation, 292. browse, 293. estimate, 294. traitor, 295. arrangement, 296. hint

297. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
298. 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
299. a grand con_____on *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
300. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
301. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
302. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
303. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
304. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
305. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
306. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 297. rev, 298. judge, 299. conception, 300. unconstitutional, 301. controversy, 302. commerce, 303. fundamental, 304. internal, 305. amazing, 306. individual

307. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
308. senior research an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
309. de_____t on the mortgage *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
310. en_____t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
311. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
312. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
313. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 307. offensive, 308. analyst, 309. default, 310. encrypt, 311. enormous, 312. sentimental, 313. bond

314. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
315. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
316. sur_____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
317. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
318. 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
319. con_____nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
320. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
321. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
322. fra_____ty party *n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation

ANSWERS: 314. assume, 315. assume, 316. surveillance, 317. refer, 318. discuss, 319. congressional, 320. destroy, 321. congressional, 322. fraternity

323. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
324. report sus_____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
325. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
326. de_____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
327. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
328. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
329. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
330. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
331. me_____me report *n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else

ANSWERS: 323. administrator, 324. suspicious, 325. laptop, 326. degrade, 327. hack, 328. practical, 329. collaborate, 330. adversary, 331. meantime

332. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
333. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
334. a he____c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
335. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
336. give his te____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
337. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
338. ter____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
339. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
340. built-in mic____ne *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
341. in____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

ANSWERS: 332. economy, 333. criminal, 334. heroic, 335. probable, 336. testimony, 337. ignore, 338. terrifying, 339. disturb, 340. microphone, 341. intercept

342. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
343. mic_____ne cable *n.* a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
344. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
345. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
346. bo_____ss energy *adj.* having no limits; limitless
347. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
348. 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
349. banking an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
350. 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: 342. nation, 343. microphone, 344. reform, 345. branch, 346. boundless, 347. champion, 348. identity, 349. analyst, 350. debate

351. grant an am_____y	<i>n.</i> a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
352. un_____ed fears	<i>adj.</i> not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
353. an app_____te time	<i>adj.</i> suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
354. th_____en a healthy relationship	<i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
355. app_____te the value	<i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
356. pri_____ze tasks	<i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
357. a man of imp_____ce	<i>n.</i> the quality of being important and worthy of note
358. a star of the first ma_____de	<i>n.</i> the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
359. co_____sy call	<i>n.</i> polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
360. make an am_____nt to a contract	<i>n.</i> the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
361. a selfish de_____on	<i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
362. wi_____p private communications	<i>v.</i> to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line

ANSWERS: 351. amnesty, 352. unfounded, 353. appropriate, 354. threaten, 355. appreciate, 356. prioritize, 357. importance, 358. magnitude, 359. courtesy, 360. amendment, 361. decision, 362. wiretap

363. a geometric pr__f	<i>n.</i> a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
364. industry-sp____ic regulations	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
365. pre____ve of the king	<i>n.</i> a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom
366. ro__t growth	<i>adj.</i> sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
367. execution by burning at a st__e	<i>n.</i> a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
368. re__t temptation	<i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
369. political ad____ry	<i>n.</i> a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
370. r_d the body of waste products	<i>v.</i> to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
371. human activities int____ect with the environment	<i>v.</i> to connect similar things
372. old ma__m	<i>n.</i> a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

ANSWERS: 363. proof, 364. specific, 365. prerogative, 366. robust, 367. stake, 368. resist, 369. adversary, 370. rid, 371. interconnect, 372. maxim

373. de___d my country
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
374. tre_____us amount
adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
375. con_____te to society
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
376. digital av___r
n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
377. re_____ce team roles
v. to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability
378. in_____e a high degree of risk
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
379. speak with ca___r
n. the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
380. she hit him int_____lly
adv. in a planned or intended way
381. anonymous whi_____wer
n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

ANSWERS: 373. defend, 374. tremendous, 375. contribute, 376. avatar, 377. rebalance, 378. involve, 379. candor, 380. intentionally, 381. whistleblower

382. ob____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
383. pr____y abuse	<i>n.</i> someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
384. arouse con____sy	<i>n.</i> a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
385. unsung h__o	<i>n.</i> a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
386. opt____ic outlook	<i>adj.</i> hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
387. fleshly de____e	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
388. re____ss driving	<i>adj.</i> marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
389. victim of sexual ab__e	<i>n.</i> the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
390. ba____rk price	<i>v.</i> a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something
391. gov____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
392. pr____e a reaction	<i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
393. ov____ht committee	<i>n.</i> the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something

ANSWERS: 382. obvious, 383. privacy, 384. controversy, 385. hero, 386. optimistic, 387. desire, 388. reckless, 389. abuse, 390. ballpark, 391. government, 392. provoke, 393. oversight

394. fail to show co____sy *n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
395. re____t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
396. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
397. commit a traffic vi_____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
398. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
399. co____l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
400. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
401. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
402. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
403. a structural b__m of a building *n.* a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

ANSWERS: 394. courtesy, 395. resist, 396. sentimental, 397. violation, 398. constitution, 399. compel, 400. locate, 401. participate, 402. infrastructure, 403. beam

404. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
405. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
406. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
407. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
408. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
409. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
410. civil lib_____an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
411. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
412. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
413. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
414. 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: 404. shocking, 405. aim, 406. suppose, 407. locate, 408. decision, 409. interpretation, 410. libertarian, 411. motivation, 412. calculation, 413. communal, 414.

process

415. de_____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
416. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
417. po____c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
418. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
419. the meeting elected a cha_____on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
420. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
421. in_____re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
422. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
423. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 415. default, 416. nation, 417. poetic, 418. proposal, 419. chairperson, 420. split, 421. interfere, 422. absolutely, 423. responsible

424. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
425. su_____on of fraud *n.* the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
426. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
427. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
428. 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
429. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
430. pr___l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
431. 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
432. gadget te___es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

ANSWERS: 424. structure, 425. suspicion, 426. intention, 427. individual, 428. reaction, 429. browse, 430. propel, 431. reaction, 432. techie

433. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
434. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
435. cou_____rt agreement *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
436. pr___l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
437. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
438. a mail se___r *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
439. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
440. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
441. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
442. be___y confidence *v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 433. vital, 434. interconnect, 435. counterpart, 436. propel, 437. branch, 438. server, 439. enormous, 440. split, 441. contribute, 442. betray

443. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
444. 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
445. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
446. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
447. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
448. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
449. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
450. ab__e by a contract *v.* to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition

ANSWERS: 443. deny, 444. panel, 445. journalist, 446. revelation, 447. handle, 448. hack, 449. commerce, 450. abide

451. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
452. he is opt____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
453. the boys in the ba____om *n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
454. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
455. par____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
456. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
457. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
458. re____t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
459. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 451. instance, 452. optimistic, 453. backroom, 454. ordinary, 455. participate, 456. mass, 457. suppose, 458. reject, 459. claim

460. an en____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
461. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
462. em____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
463. ba____or software *adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
464. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
465. unsatisfied de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
466. pr____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
467. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
468. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
469. da____e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 460. engaging, 461. struggle, 462. emotional, 463. backdoor, 464. satisfy, 465. desire, 466. practical, 467. context, 468. property, 469. damage

470. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
471. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
472. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
473. 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
474. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
475. the av___r of the authority *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
476. a person who is sus_____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
477. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
478. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 470. endangered, 471. collaborate, 472. journalism, 473. preserve, 474. abuse, 475. avatar, 476. suspicious, 477. exploit, 478. claim

479. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
480. in_____re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
481. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
482. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
483. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
484. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
485. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 479. traditionally, 480. interfere, 481. fundamental, 482. secrecy, 483. allege, 484. germ, 485. structure

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. There was an almost certain _____ that the company was involved in illegal activities.
n. the act of doubting something, especially something wrong
2. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
3. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
4. It is illegal to _____ police radio.
v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
5. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
6. It later appeared that the police had _____ the suspect's conversations.
v. to secretly listen to a people's conversation or get their information by connecting a listening device to their phone line
7. He took an _____ to uphold the law as a police officer.
n. a solemn promise or affirmation, often made in a formal public setting, to do something or adhere to certain principles or beliefs; a formal declaration of one's commitment to a particular course of action, organization, or duty

ANSWERS: 1. suspicion, 2. instances, 3. champion, 4. intercept, 5. specific, 6. wiretapped, 7. oath

8. 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
9. _____ youth makes rueful age.
adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
10. We would _____ an early reply.
v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
11. This country was long faced with _____ peril.
adj. coming or likely to happen very soon
12. The government's security forces constantly monitored the _____ politician.
n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
13. The interviewer asked him to speak into the _____.
n. a device that converts sound into an electrical signal used for recording sounds or making the voice louder
14. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.
adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
15. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.
v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 8. judge, 9. Reckless, 10. appreciate, 11. imminent, 12. dissident, 13. microphone, 14. congressional, 15. rid

16. His bitter experiences _____ his moral principles.
v. to be the support, basis, hidden cause of something; to be located under or below
17. They refused to accept the proposal in its _____ demanding revisions.
n. the state of being complete or whole; the total extent or scope of something
18. Her _____ in admitting her mistake was refreshing and earned her respect.
n. the quality of being open, honest, and frank; the act of speaking truthfully and directly without evasion or pretense
19. He _____ the fireworks with a single spark.
v. to set on fire; to cause to start burning
20. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
21. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
22. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
23. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
24. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.
v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 16. underlie, 17. entirety, 18. candor, 19. ignited, 20. prioritized, 21. absolutely, 22. intellect, 23. denying, 24. encrypt

25. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

- v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

26. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

- adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

27. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.

- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

28. 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

29. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

30. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.

- n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

31. The movie can _____ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

- v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

ANSWERS: 25. bury, 26. sentimental, 27. default, 28. preserve, 29. ignored, 30. amendment, 31. encapsulate

32. I need to _____ my investment portfolio to reduce risk.
- v. to adjust or distribute something proportionally to restore balance; to make changes to bring a situation back into equilibrium or stability
33. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud ____.
- n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
34. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
35. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
- v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
36. The media _____ had special passes.
- n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
37. The software can _____ and decode encrypted messages.
- v. to convert information into a code or format suitable for storage or transmission
38. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
39. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
- n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

ANSWERS: 32. rebalance, 33. rev, 34. communicate, 35. hacking, 36. representatives, 37. encode, 38. headline, 39. Senate

40. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

41. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

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

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

adj. relating to people's feelings

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

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

44. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

45. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

46. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

47. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 40. Proof, 41. resist, 42. emotional, 43. germ, 44. testimony, 45. claim, 46. terrifying, 47. argue

48. There was no _____ of a problem.

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

49. The government branded him a _____ after he leaked classified information to the press.

n. a person who betrays someone or something, such as a friend, cause, or principle, to which they had previously been loyal; a person who commits treason against their country or sovereign

50. 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

51. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

52. A person's cyberspace _____ often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.

n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

53. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

54. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

ANSWERS: 48. hint, 49. traitor, 50. arrangement, 51. consent, 52. avatar, 53. poetic, 54. argument

55. Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the _____ philosophy of the media.
- n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
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. My college students join a _____ to make connections and build a sense of community.
- n.* a group of people, especially men, who are associated with each other through a common interest or occupation
58. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
59. The news of the tragedy cast a _____ over the entire community.
- n.* a sense of boredom or weariness; a covering or veil that is dull, dark, or uninteresting
60. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
61. It'll be somewhere in the _____ of \$100.
- v.* a place or facility where baseball is played; a rough estimation of something

ANSWERS: 55. libertarian, 56. statistics, 57. fraternity, 58. specifically, 59. pall, 60. degrade, 61. ballpark

62. The _____ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.
- n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
63. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
64. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.
- n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
65. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
66. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
67. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
68. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 62. analyst, 63. declared, 64. administrator, 65. handle, 66. invade, 67. invest, 68. recognize

69. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of _____.
- n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
70. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
71. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.
- adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
72. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
73. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
74. 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
75. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
76. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 69. terrorism, 70. reform, 71. rough, 72. employee, 73. collaborate, 74. reaction, 75. invite, 76. infrastructure

77. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
78. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
79. 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
80. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
81. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
- adj.* extremely large or great
82. They had formed a friendship _____.
- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
83. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
84. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
85. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 77. commerce, 78. dialogue, 79. discuss, 80. achieve, 81. enormous, 82. bond, 83. branch, 84. mislead, 85. struggle

86. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
87. 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
88. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
- v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
89. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.
- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
90. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.
- v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
91. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
92. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
93. He felt _____ when his best friend revealed their secret to the enemy.
- v.* to reveal or deliver to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty; to reveal something unintentionally

ANSWERS: 86. propel, 87. government, 88. provoked, 89. shocking, 90. consult, 91. economy, 92. refer, 93. betrayed

94. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

95. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.

n. a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something

96. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

97. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

98. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

99. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

100. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

101. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

ANSWERS: 94. vital, 95. Advocates, 96. furious, 97. basis, 98. stake, 99. coop, 100. controversy, 101. consultant

102. 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
103. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
104. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
- adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
105. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
106. The manager held a secret meeting in the _____ to discuss the new project.
- n.* a private or secret room or office, especially one used for carrying out secretive or illegal activities; the behind-the-scenes workings of a business, organization, or political system; (adjective) done or happening behind the scenes, out of public view, or in a private or secretive manner
107. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
108. She would never _____ hurt anyone.
- adv.* in a planned or intended way
109. The hackers launched a devastating _____ stealing sensitive information from the company's servers.
- n.* an attempt to damage, disrupt, or gain unauthorized access to a computer system or network

ANSWERS: 102. process, 103. Communal, 104. suspicious, 105. contribute, 106. backroom, 107. offended, 108. intentionally, 109. cyberattack,

110. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
- v.* to take part in something
111. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
112. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.
- n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
113. The translation ____ helped me translate a website from another country.
- n.* a computer program or software application that is capable of performing automated tasks, often on the internet; a type of electronic device that provides autonomous service or assistance to users
114. The _____ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
- n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
115. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.
- adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
116. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
117. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.
- adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
118. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

ANSWERS: 110. participated, 111. threatening, 112. calculation, 113. bot, 114. chairperson, 115. defensive, 116. proposal, 117. offensive, 118. subvert

119. The police obtained a search _____ to enter the suspect's house and gather evidence.

- n.* a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period

120. 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

121. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

122. The _____ for a video game includes information about the game's platform and release date.

- n.* information that describes or provides contextual details about other data, such as the content, structure, format, or authorship of a document or file

123. It is the president's _____ to veto a bill that he doesn't agree with.

- n.* a special right or privilege that is exclusive to a particular group or person; a discretionary power or authority that is granted by law or custom

124. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

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

125. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 119. warrant, 120. identity, 121. appropriate, 122. metadata, 123. prerogative, 124. exploit, 125. defend

126. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

127. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

128. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

130. The sun's _____ shone through the window and illuminated the room.

n. a long, sturdy piece of timber, metal, or other material used to support a structure or span a distance; a ray or stream of light emitted by a source

131. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

132. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

133. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

ANSWERS: 126. conversation, 127. fundamental, 128. compel, 129. obvious, 130. beam, 131. probable, 132. guilt, 133. engaging

134. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
135. 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
136. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
137. We ___ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
138. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
139. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.
n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
140. 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
141. Our schools offer _____ education by excellent teachers.
v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.

ANSWERS: 134. embody, 135. decide, 136. mystery, 137. aim, 138. suppose, 139. offenses, 140. responsible, 141. individualized

142. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
143. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.
- n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
144. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
145. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
146. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.
- adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
147. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
148. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.
- n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
149. We need to _____ this proposal as soon as the budget is more apparent than before.
- v.* to go to a place again, especially after a long period

ANSWERS: 142. split, 143. secrecy, 144. monitor, 145. Democracy, 146. Traditionally, 147. intelligence, 148. journalism, 149. revisit

150. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
151. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
152. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
153. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national ____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
154. Different cultures have different ways of expressing _____.
- n.* polite behavior or remark that shows respect for other people
155. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
156. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
157. The scientist used an optical _____ to analyze the dispersion of light in the laboratory experiment.
- n.* a three-dimensional object with a triangular base and parallel sides, which refracts (= to bend something) light that passes through it, resulting in the separation and display of the colors of the visible spectrum; a metaphorical term used to describe a situation that reveals or illuminates various aspects or perspectives of a particular phenomenon or topic

ANSWERS: 150. Congress, 151. involves, 152. committed, 153. hero, 154. courtesy, 155. importance, 156. mass, 157. prism

158. 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
159. They must _____ by the rules set by the governing body.
- v.* to accept or tolerate something or to act in accordance with a rule, decision, recommendation, etc.; to remain in a particular state or condition
160. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.
- adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
161. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
162. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
163. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.
- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
164. We had a _____ time yesterday.
- adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
165. Researchers often succumb to the _____ of accolades and commit research misconduct.
- n.* the desire to do or have something that you know you should not do or have; the act of influencing by exciting hope or desire

ANSWERS: 158. panel, 159. abide, 160. robust, 161. visceral, 162. accident, 163. viol, 164. tremendous, 165. temptation

166. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.
n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
167. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
168. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
n. something you want to do and are going to do
169. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
170. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
171. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
172. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
173. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
174. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.
v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

ANSWERS: 166. liberty, 167. structure, 168. intentions, 169. satisfy, 170. criminal, 171. tradition, 172. independence, 173. abuse, 174. alleged

175. 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
176. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
177. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.
- n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
178. He is more of a hypocrite than a _____ to be honest.
- n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
179. The company hired a _____ to remodel their office building.
- n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
180. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country
- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
181. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
182. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

ANSWERS: 175. laptop, 176. assumes, 177. counterpart, 178. patriot, 179. contractor, 180. constitution, 181. slide, 182. interpretations

183. The law was determined to be _____ by the court.

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

184. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

185. 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

186. We _____ in a souvenir shop.

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

187. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

188. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

189. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

190. 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

ANSWERS: 183. unconstitutional, 184. creditor, 185. relations, 186. browsed, 187. corporate, 188. internal, 189. property, 190. undermine

191. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

192. The _____ disease caused a severe outbreak in the city.

n. a small, agile, wingless, and parasitic insect that feeds on the blood of mammals and birds

193. The _____ ocean stretched before them as far as the eye could see.

adj. having no limits; limitless

194. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

195. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

196. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

197. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

198. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

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

ANSWERS: 191. committee, 192. flea-borne, 193. boundless, 194. adversary, 195. destroyed, 196. optimistic, 197. principle, 198. context

199. The public was outraged to discover that the company had made a _____ deal with the government to avoid taxes.
- adj.* a term used to describe an unauthorized or concealed means of accessing a computer system or network, typically through a loophole or vulnerability in the system
200. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
201. In the _____ while we wait for the results, let's start working on the next project.
- n.* the interval or period of time between two events; the interim or temporary time period between two actions or stages of something else
202. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.
- n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
203. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
204. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
205. After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the _____ went down.
- n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant

ANSWERS: 199. backdoor, 200. disturb, 201. meantime, 202. violation, 203. individual, 204. threat, 205. server

206. The main discussion topic is government _____.
- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
207. I have no _____ of what you intend.
- n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
208. The government declared _____ for all political prisoners.
- n.* a general pardon for crimes, especially political crimes
209. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
- v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
210. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
211. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
- adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
212. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
213. The media tends to _____ certain events to create sensational headlines.
- v.* to blow or be blown with excessive force or intensity, often resulting in a distorted or overly loud sound; to exaggerate the importance or impact of something

ANSWERS: 206. transparency, 207. conception, 208. amnesty, 209. estimated, 210. journalists, 211. endangered, 212. compromised, 213. overblow

214. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
215. 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
216. The accusations were _____ and lacked evidence.
- adj.* not based on good evidence or reason; without foundation or justification
217. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
218. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
- adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
219. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
220. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v.* to connect similar things
221. She left the decision to her _____
- n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

ANSWERS: 214. damage, 215. decision, 216. unfounded, 217. locate, 218. practical, 219. heroic, 220. interconnect, 221. deputy

222. She _____ confidently across the stage to accept her award.

- v.* to walk with long steps in a particular direction; (noun) an important and positive progress

223. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

224. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

- n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

225. Our company hired a _____ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

- n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

226. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.

- n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

227. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.

- n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

228. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.

- n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

229. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

- v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

ANSWERS: 222. strides, 223. represent, 224. magnitude, 225. techie, 226. whistleblowers, 227. surveillance, 228. privacy, 229. minimize

230. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
- n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
231. The _____ session of the Diet opened.
- adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
232. Due to careless _____ the product was not inspected before it was shipped to the customers.
- n.* the act of supervising or watching over something; a mistake caused by not paying enough attention to something
233. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
234. 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
235. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
236. A good _____ is never out of season.
- n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
237. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 230. motivation, 231. ordinary, 232. oversight, 233. rejected, 234. debate, 235. nation, 236. maxim, 237. encouraged

238. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

239. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

240. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

241. Your talking _____ with my work.

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

242. He _____ her statement and got the wrong idea.

v. to understand or explain something in the wrong way

243. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

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

ANSWERS: 238. desire, 239. amazing, 240. revelation, 241. interferes, 242. misinterpreted, 243. rely