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Session 1: Word List

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym : enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

ambitious

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

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

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

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

traction

n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

synonym : pulling, friction, suction

(1) increase **traction** on ice, (2) electronic **traction**

His leg was in **traction** for weeks after the accident.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym : doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

economical

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

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

compulsion

n. an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit

synonym : urge, obsession, drive

(1) **compulsion** to clean, (2) resistance to **compulsion**

She felt the **compulsion** to check her phone for messages every few minutes.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym : leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

lounge

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport

synonym : lobby, saloon, club

(1) departure **lounge**, (2) conversation **lounge**

We will go to the VIP **lounge** at the airport till departure.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

buzz

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

synonym : hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing

I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

opposition

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

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym : great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym : potent, significant, meaningful

(1) an **influential** newspaper, (2) an **influential** politician

Early childhood experiences are very **influential** for people.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

compassionate

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

synonym : empathetic, sympathetic, merciful

(1) a **compassionate** heart, (2) **compassionate** leave
My father has a serious and **compassionate** personality.

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.

politician

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

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym : remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**
He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

hairpin

n. a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

(1) **hairpin** clip, (2) **hairpin** curve

She carefully navigated her way around the **hairpin** turns on the mountain road.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

pilot

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

synonym: aviator, flyer, chief

(1) a test **pilot**, (2) **pilot** production

The **pilot** exercised great care in landing.

dodge

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

synonym: evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

missile

n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

synonym: projectile, rocket, bomb

(1) **missile** defense, (2) cruise **missile** attack

The military launched a ballistic **missile** at the enemy's stronghold.

wedge

n. a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them

(1) drive a **wedge** into a relationship, (2) put a **wedge** under the door

He inserted the **wedge** into a split in the log.

transfix

v. to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object

synonym : pierce, impale, stab

(1) **transfix** with horror, (2) **transfix** me with its vibrant colors

The athlete's incredible skill on the field **transfixed** the spectators, who were amazed by his talent.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym : desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of

decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

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.

bark

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

synonym : skin, husk, crust

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

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

assault

- n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym : assault, attack, raid

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

decomposition

- n.* the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay

synonym : decay, putrefaction, corruption

(1) **decomposition** process, (2) chemical **decomposition**

The **decomposition** of organic matter releases nutrients back into the soil.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

teem

v. to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

synonym : brim, swarm, overflow

(1) **teem** with activity, (2) **teem** down

The city **teems** with traffic on holiday.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

monochromatic

adj. having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity

synonym : monotone, uncolored, unvarying

(1) **monochromatic** color scheme, (2) **monochromatic** design

The artist created a beautiful **monochromatic** painting that showcased different shades of blue.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

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.

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.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym : dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

recover

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

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

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

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

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.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym : reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

resolute

adj. firm in purpose or belief; determined

synonym : determined, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **resolute** defiance, (2) **resolute** action

He was **resolute** in his determination to succeed.

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.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

aftermath

n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

synonym : consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis

The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym : choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

halting

adj. hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently

synonym : stuttering, hesitant, faltering

(1) **halting** speech, (2) **halting** progress

The negotiations between the two countries were proceeding

in a **halting** manner.

temperature

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

synonym : climate, warmth, degree

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

temperature

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

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym : dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

gasp

v. to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise

synonym : breathe, pant, heave

(1) **gasp** for air, (2) **gasp** in shock

The audience **gasped** when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym : pressing, critical, immediate

(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation

It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym: conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

pathway

n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

synonym: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling **pathways**

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

destabilize

v. to cause something to become less stable or secure
synonym: unsettle, disrupt, upset

(1) **destabilize** the market, (2) **destabilize** a good relationship

The political crisis **destabilized** the country and caused widespread turmoil.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

carbon

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

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

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

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym:

transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym : sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

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.

decommission

v. to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair

synonym : retire, dismantle, disable

(1) **decommission** the dam, (2) **decommission** ship

After years of protests from environmental activists, the government decided to **decommission** the nuclear power plant.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

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.

atmosphere

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

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

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

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

scoff

v. to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly

synonym : mock, gibe, jeer

(1) **scoff** at a rumor, (2) **scoff** at the idea

We tend to **scoff** at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

inequality

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

synonym: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

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

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

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party

The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

impasse

n. a situation in which progress or success is impossible due to a deadlock or stalemate; a point in a discussion or negotiation where no agreement can be reached

synonym: deadlock, standstill, stalemate

(1) an **impasse** in talks, (2) economic **impasse**

The negotiations had reached an **impasse**, with neither party willing to compromise further.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym : hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

countdown

n. a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline

synonym : timer

(1) **countdown** clock, (2) wedding **countdown**

The **countdown** to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.

essence

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

synonym : core, nature, disposition

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

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

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym : covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

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**.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym : drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

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.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

inflation

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

synonym : increase, swelling, boom

(1) **inflation** control, (2) global **inflation**

Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against **inflation**.

unlimited

adj. without any limits or restrictions

synonym : unrestricted, boundless, limitless

(1) **unlimited** liability, (2) **unlimited** resources

An **unlimited** data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym: funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

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.

altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

synonym: selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym: banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

unproven

adj. not tested or proved

(1) **unproven** efficacy, (2) scientifically **unproven**

The new treatment's long-term advantages are still **unproven**.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym: pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

profit

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

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

summit

n. the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues

synonym : peak, top, crest

(1) reach the **summit**, (2) **summit** talks

The climbers reached the mountain's **summit** after a long and challenging journey.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression**

toward sustainability.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym : trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

slant

v. to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way

synonym : slope, tilt, incline

(1) **slant** upward, (2) **slant** a hat

The news article **slanted** the story in favor of one political party.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

seawall

n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

synonym: embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

muscular

adj. of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force

synonym: powerful, athletic, brawny

(1) a **muscular** person, (2) **muscular** contraction

She worked hard to treat her **muscular** dystrophy.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

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.

multilateral

adj. involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making

synonym: multiple, many-sided, polyvalent

(1) **multilateral** negotiations, (2) **multilateral** trade agreement

The project's success depended on the cooperation of all the **multilateral** parties involved.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

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

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

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym : burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

turbine

n. a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas

synonym : engine, generator, power plant

(1) **turbine** energy, (2) **turbine** aerofoil

The wind **turbines** were spinning rapidly, generating clean energy for the nearby town.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym : division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

investor

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

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

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

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

fluctuation

n. a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

synonym: change, instability, flux

(1) price **fluctuations**, (2) **fluctuation** of water level

Temperature **fluctuations** are often milder in oceanfront areas.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym: money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

diversified

adj. characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types

synonym: varied, assorted, heterogeneous

(1) **diversified** portfolio, (2) **diversified** economy

The **diversified** menu offered options for everyone, from meat-eaters to vegetarians.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction
The man **paused** before opening the door.

clause

n. a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

synonym : article, provision, stipulation

(1) **clause** in contract, (2) a main **clause**

The contract had a **clause** that specified penalties for late delivery.

instrument

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

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

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

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

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym : stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling

The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

repay

v. to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

synonym : compensate, refund, reimburse

(1) **repay** a kindness, (2) **repay** a debt

I must **repay** my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

afford

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

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

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts
The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**
This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style
The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars
The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

crack

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

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board
He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

profession

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

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

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

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

unpopular

adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

synonym : disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ha_____g progress
adj. hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently
2. com_____ate leave
adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others
3. in_____le stars
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
4. oppressive co_____al rule
adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
5. financial a_d
n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
6. tax re_____e
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
7. re_____e a prisoner
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
8. el__t the school board
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
9. the af_____th of a crisis
n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
10. mon_____tic design
adj. having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity

ANSWERS: 1. halting, 2. compassionate, 3. invisible, 4. colonial, 5. aid, 6. revenue, 7. release, 8. elect, 9. aftermath, 10. monochromatic

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| 11. fi_____er scandals | <i>n.</i> a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes |
| 12. de_____e independence | <i>v.</i> to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly |
| 13. country-by-country a_d programs | <i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support |
| 14. mon_____tic color scheme | <i>adj.</i> having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity |
| 15. pr_____ic politics | <i>adj.</i> practical rather than idealistic |
| 16. des_____ze a good relationship | <i>v.</i> to cause something to become less stable or secure |
| 17. dec_____ion process | <i>n.</i> the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay |
| 18. in___e domestic tranquility | <i>v.</i> to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage |
| 19. b__z marketing | <i>v.</i> to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere |
| 20. re_____d communities | <i>v.</i> to build again or anew |
| 21. a peace ini_____ve | <i>n.</i> the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need |
| 22. pa__e a moment | <i>v.</i> to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing |

ANSWERS: 11. financier, 12. declare, 13. aid, 14. monochromatic, 15. pragmatic, 16. destabilize, 17. decomposition, 18. insure, 19. buzz, 20. rebuild, 21. initiative, 22. pause

23. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
24. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
25. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
26. re_____le subscriptions *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
27. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
28. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
29. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
30. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
31. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
32. b__k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
33. bu___t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

ANSWERS: 23. economical, 24. currency, 25. greenhouse, 26. renewable, 27. opposition, 28. communal, 29. institute, 30. stick, 31. alternative, 32. bark, 33. bucket

34. global in_____on *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
35. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
36. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
37. the so__r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
38. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
39. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
40. un_____en efficacy *adj.* not tested or proved
41. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
42. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
43. fi_____ng activity *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
44. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
45. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 34. inflation, 35. profitable, 36. halfway, 37. solar, 38. financing, 39. profession, 40. unproven, 41. grant, 42. extreme, 43. financing, 44. temperature, 45. nation

46. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
47. 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.
48. drive a we__e into a relationship *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
49. bu__t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
50. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
51. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
52. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
53. resistance to com_____on *n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
54. si__t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
55. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 46. seize, 47. rely, 48. wedge, 49. bucket, 50. consumption, 51. emission, 52. economical, 53. compulsion, 54. silent, 55. politician

56. re____te action *adj.* firm in purpose or belief; determined
57. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
58. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
59. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
60. sc__f at a rumor *v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
61. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
62. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
63. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
64. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
65. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
66. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 56. resolute, 57. prime, 58. atmosphere, 59. livelihood, 60. scoff, 61. shift, 62. crack, 63. scramble, 64. insect, 65. critic, 66. normally

67. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
68. su_____d fruits from the ceiling *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
69. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
70. tr_____ix with horror *v.* to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object
71. rel_____ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
72. victim of sexual as_____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
73. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
74. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
75. ur_____t situation *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
76. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
77. t__m with activity *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

ANSWERS: 67. ambitious, 68. suspend, 69. communal, 70. transfix, 71. reluctance, 72. assault, 73. essence, 74. industrious, 75. urgent, 76. halfway, 77. teem

78. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
79. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
80. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
81. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
82. dec_____ion ship *v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair
83. climate sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
84. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
85. put a we__e under the door *n.* a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
86. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 78. instrument, 79. investor, 80. technological, 81. crisis, 82. decommission, 83. skeptic, 84. ambitious, 85. wedge, 86. afterward

87. conversation lo___e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
88. an ur___t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
89. use of nu____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
90. price flu_____ons *n.* a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes
91. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
92. com_____on to clean *n.* an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
93. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
94. take ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
95. re__y a kindness *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

ANSWERS: 87. lounge, 88. urgent, 89. nuclear, 90. fluctuation, 91. despair, 92. compulsion, 93. sector, 94. initiative, 95. repay

96. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
97. div_____ed portfolio *adj.* characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types
98. reach the su____t *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
99. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
100. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
101. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
102. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
103. cl____e in contract *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
104. des_____ze the market *v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure
105. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
106. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 96. transformation, 97. diversified, 98. summit, 99. crisis, 100. resilient, 101. sustainable, 102. clinic, 103. clause, 104. destabilize, 105. reshape, 106. debt

107. re_____le energy *adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
108. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
109. cruise mi_____e attack *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
110. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
111. t__m down *v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily
112. de_____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
113. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
114. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
115. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
116. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
117. in____e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
118. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

ANSWERS: 107. renewable, 108. technological, 109. missile, 110. reshape, 111. teem, 112. departure, 113. transformation, 114. debt, 115. planet, 116. invest, 117.

insure, 118. wasteland

119. visit to the veterinary cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
120. tax re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
121. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
122. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
123. 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
124. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
125. periods of dr_____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
126. reduce me_____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
127. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

ANSWERS: 119. clinic, 120. relief, 121. shifting, 122. temperature, 123. economy, 124. trillion, 125. drought, 126. methane, 127. wasteland

128. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
129. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
130. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
131. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
132. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
133. sl__t upward *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
134. electronic tr_____on *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
135. do__e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
136. de_____re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
137. tu_____e aerofoil *n.* a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas
138. strong se_____l *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

ANSWERS: 128. industrious, 129. insight, 130. nation, 131. normally, 132. alternative, 133. slant, 134. traction, 135. dodge, 136. departure, 137. turbine, 138. seawall

139. de___t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
140. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
141. 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
142. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
143. dr_____t conditions *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
144. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
145. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
146. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
147. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 139. deport, 140. gentle, 141. bond, 142. pump, 143. drought, 144. investor, 145. stick, 146. profit, 147. coronavirus

148. un_____ed liability *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
149. a main cl___e *n.* a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence
150. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
151. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
152. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
153. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
154. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
155. g__p for air *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
156. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
157. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

ANSWERS: 148. unlimited, 149. clause, 150. consumption, 151. commitment, 152. profitable, 153. profession, 154. finance, 155. gasp, 156. certainty, 157. hurricane

158. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
159. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
160. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
161. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
162. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
163. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
164. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
165. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
166. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
167. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 158. ban, 159. carbon, 160. essence, 161. capitalize, 162. opposition, 163. insight, 164. invite, 165. afford, 166. conservative, 167. despair

168. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
169. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
170. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
171. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
172. su_____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
173. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
174. in_____on control *n.* a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air
175. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
176. a com_____ate heart *adj.* feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

ANSWERS: 168. relief, 169. sustainable, 170. transaction, 171. capitalize, 172. suspend, 173. emission, 174. inflation, 175. medium, 176. compassionate

177. co_____wn clock *n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
178. as_____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
179. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
180. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
181. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
182. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
183. mu_____ar contraction *adj.* of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force
184. an inf_____al newspaper *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
185. an un_____ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

ANSWERS: 177. countdown, 178. assault, 179. planet, 180. inequality, 181. defend, 182. livelihood, 183. muscular, 184. influential, 185. unpopular

186. dec_____ion the dam *v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair
187. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
188. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
189. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
190. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
191. trees with rough b__k *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
192. an im_____e in talks *n.* a situation in which progress or success is impossible due to a deadlock or stalemate; a point in a discussion or negotiation where no agreement can be reached
193. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
194. cellular signaling pa_____ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
195. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

ANSWERS: 186. decommission, 187. smashing, 188. bomb, 189. invisible, 190. currency, 191. bark, 192. impasse, 193. electrify, 194. pathway, 195. greenhouse

196. sc__f at the idea *v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly
197. private se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
198. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
199. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
200. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
201. an inf_____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
202. 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
203. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
204. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

ANSWERS: 196. scoff, 197. sector, 198. gentle, 199. afford, 200. afterward, 201. influential, 202. economy, 203. carbon, 204. cement

205. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
206. flu_____on of water level *n.* a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes
207. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
208. scientifically un_____en *adj.* not tested or proved
209. ce___t blend *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
210. the b__z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
211. pi__t production *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
212. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
213. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
214. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 205. prime, 206. fluctuation, 207. flood, 208. unproven, 209. cement, 210. buzz, 211. pilot, 212. silent, 213. shifting, 214. responsible

225. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
226. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
227. a mu_____ar person *adj.* of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force
228. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
229. re_____te defiance *adj.* firm in purpose or belief; determined
230. tu_____e energy *n.* a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas
231. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
232. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
233. ha_____n clip *n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply
234. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
235. tr_____ix me with its vibrant colors *v.* to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object

ANSWERS: 225. responsible, 226. insect, 227. muscular, 228. coal, 229. resolute, 230. turbine, 231. immediate, 232. obvious, 233. hairpin, 234. shift, 235. transfix

236. al_____sm in society *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
237. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
238. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
239. ha_____g speech *adj.* hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently
240. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
241. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
242. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
243. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
244. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
245. mul_____ral negotiations *adj.* involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making

ANSWERS: 236. altruism, 237. invite, 238. financier, 239. halting, 240. critic, 241. disaster, 242. crack, 243. progression, 244. climate, 245. multilateral

246. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
247. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
248. 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
249. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
250. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
251. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
252. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
253. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
254. increase tr_____on on ice *n.* the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding

ANSWERS: 246. inequality, 247. nurse, 248. branch, 249. pump, 250. immediate, 251. seize, 252. rebuild, 253. release, 254. traction

255. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
256. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
257. chemical dec_____ion *n.* the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay
258. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
259. a test pi__t *n.* a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water
260. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
261. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
262. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
263. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
264. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
265. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 255. revenue, 256. defend, 257. decomposition, 258. emergency, 259. pilot, 260. attach, 261. conservative, 262. declare, 263. government, 264. develop, 265. medium

266. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
267. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something;
(noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
268. co____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
269. an ingrained sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
270. 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
271. scientific ce____ty *n.* the state of being certain
272. 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
273. in____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
274. carbon dioxide in the atm____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 266. grant, 267. strip, 268. colonial, 269. skeptic, 270. bond, 271. certainty, 272. branch, 273. institute, 274. atmosphere

275. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
276. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
277. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
278. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
279. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
280. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
281. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
282. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
283. financial af_____th *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
284. economic im_____e *n.* a situation in which progress or success is impossible due to a deadlock or stalemate; a point in a discussion or negotiation where no agreement can be reached
285. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 275. commitment, 276. invest, 277. ban, 278. consume, 279. minister, 280. climate, 281. strip, 282. obvious, 283. aftermath, 284. impasse, 285. government

286. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
287. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
288. se_____l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
289. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
290. re__y a debt *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
291. g__p in shock *v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
292. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
293. do__e a blow *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
294. at__h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 286. emergency, 287. progression, 288. seawall, 289. reluctance, 290. repay, 291. gasp, 292. scramble, 293. dodge, 294. attach

295. card with no foreign tra_____on fees
n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
296. re_____r approval ratings
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
297. un_____ar decision
adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
298. de_____p a skill
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
299. un_____ed resources
adj. without any limits or restrictions
300. a so__r eclipse
adj. of, from, or relating to the sun
301. pa_____y to understanding
n. a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
302. global di_____er
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
303. el_____fy a manufacturing process
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
304. give sm_____ng results
adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 295. transaction, 296. recover, 297. unpopular, 298. develop, 299. unlimited, 300. solar, 301. pathway, 302. disaster, 303. electrify, 304. smashing

305. 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.
306. su___t talks *n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
307. div_____ed economy *adj.* characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types
308. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
309. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
310. acts of al_____sm *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
311. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
312. atmospheric me_____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
313. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 305. rely, 306. summit, 307. diversified, 308. recover, 309. coronavirus, 310. altruism, 311. flood, 312. methane, 313. nuclear

314. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
315. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
316. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
317. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
318. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
319. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
320. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
321. de___t a refugee *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
322. mi_____e defense *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

ANSWERS: 314. pause, 315. profit, 316. finance, 317. instrument, 318. bomb, 319. minister, 320. coal, 321. deport, 322. missile

323. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
324. sl__t a hat *v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
325. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
326. mul_____ral trade agreement *adj.* involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making

ANSWERS: 323. nurse, 324. slant, 325. resilient, 326. multilateral

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the hurricane left the city in shambles.
n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
2. Temperature _____ are often milder in oceanfront areas.
n. a change, or the process of changing, that frequently happens, especially from one extreme to another; the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes
3. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
4. The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an _____ candidate for many voters.
adj. not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
5. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
6. The ignition of _____ gas in the plant killed five employees.
n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
7. The _____ of organic matter releases nutrients back into the soil.
n. the process of breaking down organic matter into simpler substances through natural processes such as decay

ANSWERS: 1. aftermath, 2. fluctuations, 3. politician, 4. unpopular, 5. paused, 6. methane, 7. decomposition

8. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
9. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.
n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
10. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
11. 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
12. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
13. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
14. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
15. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 8. resilient, 9. bucket, 10. progression, 11. bond, 12. Technological, 13. recovering, 14. floods, 15. finance

16. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
17. The military launched a ballistic _____ at the enemy's stronghold.
n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
18. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
19. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
20. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
21. The government has decided to _____ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.
v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
22. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
23. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
24. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 16. temperatures, 17. missile, 18. emissions, 19. trillion, 20. renewable, 21. deport, 22. halfway, 23. Communal, 24. insects

25. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

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

26. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

- adv.* after the time mentioned

27. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.

- n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country

28. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.

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

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

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

30. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.

- n.* the state of being certain

31. We tend to _____ at the education, habits, and tastes of people from very different cultures.

- v.* to laugh and talk about a person or idea in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or silly

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

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

ANSWERS: 25. instrument, 26. afterward, 27. currency, 28. essence, 29. Climate, 30. certainty, 31. scoff, 32. develop

33. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

adj. constantly changing or moving

34. The _____ menu offered options for everyone, from meat-eaters to vegetarians.

adj. characterized by diversity or variety; having different forms or types

35. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.

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

36. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

37. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

38. The negotiations had reached an _____ with neither party willing to compromise further.

n. a situation in which progress or success is impossible due to a deadlock or stalemate; a point in a discussion or negotiation where no agreement can be reached

39. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

ANSWERS: 33. shifting, 34. diversified, 35. atmosphere, 36. greenhouse, 37. influential, 38. impasse, 39. capitalize

40. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
41. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
42. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
43. His leg was in _____ for weeks after the accident.
n. the action or ability to pull something along a surface without sliding
44. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.
adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
45. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
46. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
47. She felt the _____ to check her phone for messages every few minutes.
n. an irresistible urge or impulse to do something, often resulting from internal or external pressures or forces of habit
48. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.
n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

ANSWERS: 40. release, 41. rebuild, 42. profitable, 43. traction, 44. ambitious, 45. disaster, 46. sustainable, 47. compulsion, 48. drought,

49. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
50. The audience _____ when the magician made the rabbit disappear from the hat.
- v.* to inhale sharply and audibly, often in response to strong emotion or sensation; to catch one's breath suddenly, often due to shock or surprise
51. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
52. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
- n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
53. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
54. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.
- adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
55. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.
- v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

ANSWERS: 49. bombs, 50. gasped, 51. nurse, 52. skeptic, 53. inequality, 54. colonial, 55. pump

56. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

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

57. 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

58. I heard the _____ of conversation from the next room.

v. to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

59. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

60. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

61. The project's success depended on the cooperation of all the _____ parties involved.

adj. involving or occurring among three or more parties or nations; having multiple sides or aspects; characterized by a cooperative or consensus-building approach to problem-solving or decision-making

62. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

ANSWERS: 56. economical, 57. invite, 58. buzz, 59. nuclear, 60. seize, 61. multilateral, 62. conservative

63. 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
64. He inserted the _____ into a split in the log.
n. a piece of wood, metal, or other material with one thick end and a narrow edge that is driven between two things or parts of objects to secure or separate them
65. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
66. We should ____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.
v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
67. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
68. She had to _____ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.
v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
69. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
70. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 63. government, 64. wedge, 65. carbon, 66. ban, 67. planet, 68. dodge, 69. hurricane, 70. insure

71. We will go to the VIP _____ at the airport till departure.

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport

72. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

73. My father has a serious and _____ personality.

adj. feeling or showing sympathy and concern for the suffering or bad luck of others

74. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

75. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

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

76. The company's _____ to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

77. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

78. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

ANSWERS: 71. lounge, 72. transformations, 73. compassionate, 74. consume, 75. crack, 76. reluctance, 77. gentle, 78. alternative

79. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

80. 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

81. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

82. I could no longer earn my own _____.

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

83. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

84. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

85. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

86. _____ panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

ANSWERS: 79. sector, 80. responsible, 81. minister, 82. livelihood, 83. invisible, 84. granted, 85. attach, 86. Solar

87. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.
n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
88. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.
adj. without any or little sound
89. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
90. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
91. The beachfront property owners installed a _____ to protect their homes from the rising tides.
n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
92. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
93. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
94. 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: 87. departure, 88. silent, 89. profit, 90. critics, 91. seawall, 92. debt, 93. relief, 94. defend

95. The president declared a state of _____.
- n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
96. The _____ to launch began as the astronauts prepared for their mission.
- n.* a counting sequence leading up to an event, often marked by a series of signals or cues, also used as a term to describe the final stages leading up to a major event or deadline
97. 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
98. Considering the situation of _____ organized stopped this year's beer festival.
- n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
99. She worked hard to treat her _____ dystrophy.
- adj.* of or relating to the muscles; having or suggesting great physical power or force
100. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
101. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
- v.* to change the form or structure of something

ANSWERS: 95. emergency, 96. countdown, 97. branch, 98. coronavirus, 99. muscular, 100. coal, 101. reshaped

102. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
103. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
- n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
104. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
105. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
- n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
106. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
107. 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
108. His friend's death drove him to _____.
- n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

ANSWERS: 102. opposition, 103. initiative, 104. stick, 105. wasteland, 106. revenue, 107. invest, 108. despair

109. She carefully navigated her way around the _____ turns on the mountain road.

- n.* a U-shaped or V-shaped piece of metal, plastic, or other material used for securing or holding hair in place; a sharp bend or curve in a road, often a hairpin turn, where the direction changes abruptly and sharply

110. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical _____.

- n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

111. I must _____ my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

- v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

112. The wind _____ were spinning rapidly, generating clean energy for the nearby town.

- n.* a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas

113. When the first molecule in the _____ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

- n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

114. The new treatment's long-term advantages are still _____.

- adj.* not tested or proved

115. The political crisis _____ the country and caused widespread turmoil.

- v.* to cause something to become less stable or secure

ANSWERS: 109. hairpin, 110. altruism, 111. repay, 112. turbines, 113. pathway, 114. unproven, 115. destabilized

116. The climbers reached the mountain's _____ after a long and challenging journey.
- n.* the highest point of a mountain or hill; a meeting of heads of state or government to discuss important issues
117. 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
118. The news article _____ the story in favor of one political party.
- v.* to lean or slope in a particular direction; to present or interpret information or a situation in a biased or distorted way
119. 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
120. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
121. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
122. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
123. The city _____ with traffic on holiday.
- v.* to be abuzz; to move in large numbers; to fall heavily

ANSWERS: 116. summit, 117. nation, 118. slanted, 119. economy, 120. profession, 121. strip, 122. afford, 123. teems

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

125. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

126. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

127. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

128. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

129. An _____ data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

adj. without any limits or restrictions

130. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

131. He removed the ____ from the tree.

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

132. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

ANSWERS: 124. obvious, 125. normally, 126. aid, 127. extreme, 128. insights, 129. unlimited, 130. consumption, 131. bark, 132. urgent

133. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

134. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

135. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

136. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

137. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.

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

138. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

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

139. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

140. The athlete's incredible skill on the field _____ the spectators, who were amazed by his talent.

v. to cause someone to become motionless or spellbound, often through shock or amazement; to pierce or impale with a pointed object

ANSWERS: 133. financier, 134. medium, 135. immediate, 136. prime, 137. declared, 138. investors, 139. clinic, 140. transfixed

141. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

142. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

143. We got caught up in an _____ case.

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

144. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

145. The _____ exercised great care in landing.

n. a person who flies an aircraft, especially as a job; a person qualified to guide ships through a difficult area of water

146. The contract had a _____ that specified penalties for late delivery.

n. a group of words containing a subject and a predicate and forming part of a sentence

147. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

148. His business _____ took him to the United States.

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 141. smashing, 142. transactions, 143. assault, 144. cement, 145. pilot, 146. clause, 147. institutes, 148. commitments

149. He was _____ in his determination to succeed.

adj. firm in purpose or belief; determined

150. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

151. 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.

152. The negotiations between the two countries were proceeding in a _____ manner.

adj. hesitant or wavering in speech or action; faltering; stopping or pausing repeatedly and intermittently

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

154. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

155. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

156. The artist created a beautiful _____ painting that showcased different shades of blue.

adj. having only one color or consisting of shades of the same color; lacking in variety or diversity

ANSWERS: 149. resolute, 150. electrify, 151. rely, 152. halting, 153. industrious, 154. suspended, 155. scrambled, 156. monochromatic

157. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

158. After years of protests from environmental activists, the government decided to _____ the nuclear power plant.

v. to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair

159. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

160. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

161. Investment in index funds can often be a hedge against _____.

n. a general and progressive increase in prices; (cosmology) a theory of the exponential expansion of space in the early universe; the act of filling something with air

162. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

adj. practical rather than idealistic

163. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 157. shift, 158. decommission, 159. elected, 160. financing, 161. inflation, 162. pragmatic, 163. crisis

ANSWERS: