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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

slide

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

synonym: glide, drift, drop

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

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

troposphere

n. the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs

synonym: weather layer, lower atmosphere

(1) Arctic **troposphere**, (2) **troposphere** pollution

Most of the weather we experience occurs in the **troposphere**.

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**.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

refract

v. to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums;

to cause something to appear distorted or altered

synonym: bend, deflect, distort

(1) **refract** light, (2) **refract** sound

The morning sun **refracted** off the dew on the grass, creating a beautiful rainbow.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

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.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

sewer

n. an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

synonym: drain, pipeline, conduit

(1) **sewer** device, (2) **sewer** system

The city is upgrading its **sewer** system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

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

tier

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym: level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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.

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.

downpour

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

synonym: rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

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.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

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

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

synonym: heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

satellite

- n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

synonym: orbiter, asteroid, moon

- (1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

opportune

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

- (1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

surplus

- n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym: excess, surplusage, remainder

- (1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

amplitude

- n.* the extent or magnitude of something; the volume or intensity of a sound wave or signal

synonym: magnitude, extent, breadth

- (1) muscle **amplitude**, (2) high **amplitude**

The **amplitude** of the sound waves determines the volume of the music.

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.

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

hike

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

synonym: walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

revelation

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

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

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

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

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.

level-headed

adj. possessing a calm and rational attitude; able to make sound judgments and decisions, especially during times of stress or difficult situations

synonym: calm, composed, rational

(1) have a **level-headed** conversation, (2) **level-headed** decision

His colleagues highly valued his **level-headed** approach to problem-solving.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

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.

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.

tremendous

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

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

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.

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**.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

congress

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

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

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

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

creditor

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

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

open-ended

adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

synonym: unlimited, unrestricted, flexible

(1) an **open-ended** discussion, (2) **open-ended** agreements

Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the **open-ended** ending.

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.

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.

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.

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or

being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

resist

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

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

blackmail

n. the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

synonym: extortion, shakedown, racket

(1) **blackmail** extortion, (2) **blackmail** scheme

He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as **blackmail**.

sadistic

adj. deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

synonym: cruel, brutal, inhumane

(1) **sadistic** pleasure, (2) **sadistic** behavior

The **sadistic** character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym: heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym: aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political

catastrophe.

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.

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.

utilization

n. the act or process of using something effectively or productively; the extent to which something is used

synonym: use, application, implementation

(1) resource **utilization**, (2) technology **utilization**

The **utilization** of renewable energy sources is crucial for the future of our planet.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym: malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

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.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym: set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym: hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

unrelenting

adj. not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

synonym: relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

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.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing

sector

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.

municipal

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

synonym: civic, city, urban

(1) **municipal** bond, (2) the **municipal** authorities

The **municipal** government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

provincial

adj. of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook

synonym: rural, narrow-minded, unsophisticated

(1) **provincial** town, (2) **provincial** accent

His **provincial** upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

revolve

v. to rotate around a central point

synonym: rotate, spin, orbit

(1) **revolve** at high speed, (2) **revolve** around a central axis

The Earth **revolves** around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.

colleague

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

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym: trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

falsehood

n. a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

synonym: lie, untruth, deception

(1) spread **falsehoods**, (2) palpable **falsehood**

The media exposed the politician's **falsehoods**.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

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.

lavish

adj. large in amount and expensive or impressive

synonym: grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym: assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general
The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
synonym: contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area
The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

gratitude

n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

synonym: appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness

(1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**
She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**
He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner
It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

brazenly

adv. behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences

synonym: boldly, audaciously, shamelessly

(1) **brazenly** lie, (2) **brazenly** cheat

She **brazenly** ignored the warnings and continued to drive recklessly.

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.

delegate

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

synonym: representative, envoy, agent

(1) **delegate** a routine task, (2) send a **delegate**

The **delegate** from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

petrol

n. a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America

synonym: gasoline, fuel, gas

(1) **petrol** station, (2) **petrol** engine

I must fill my car with **petrol** before going on a long road trip.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

blatant

adj. completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

synonym: obvious, flagrant, conspicuous

(1) **blatant** hypocrisy, (2) **blatant** disregard

Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's **blatant** lie.

conflict

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

synonym: clash, discord, competition

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

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

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym: in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

pledge

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym: promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

comply

v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request

synonym: follow, abide by, adhere to

(1) **comply** with a code, (2) fully **comply** with all laws

The public schools **comply** with federal standards.

- beg** v. to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
synonym: plead, implore, entreat
(1) **beg** the question, (2) **beg** for help
She **begged** her parents to let her go to the concert.
- veto** n. the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
synonym: rejection, disapproval, interdict
(1) **veto** power, (2) legislative **veto**
The president's **veto** prevented the bill from becoming law.
- mention** v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite
(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- phase** n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development
synonym: degree, stage, step
(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure
The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.
- equivalent** n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
synonym: equal, counterpart, match
(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.
- discuss** v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
synonym: talk about, converse, debate
(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

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

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

sultan

n. a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

synonym: emperor, monarch, king

(1) the **sultan's** throne, (2) Ottoman **sultan**

The **sultan's** royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym: alluring, interesting, engrossing

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

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

roll

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

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

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.

revolution

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

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

biofuel

n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

synonym: renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

cancel

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

synonym: abort, invalidate, annul

(1) **cancel** a class, (2) **cancel** a free subscription trial

When customers **cancel** their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym: belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

shell

- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

reverse

- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

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.

announce

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

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

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

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

plow

- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

expand

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

synonym : extend, grow, boost

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

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

memo

n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company

synonym : memorandum, note, reminder

(1) a **memo** pad, (2) **memo** content

I received a **memo** from the CEO outlining the new company policies.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

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.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

authoritative

adj. having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience

synonym: reliable, trustworthy, credible

(1) **authoritative** source, (2) **authoritative** figure

The scientist's findings were considered **authoritative** in the field of physics.

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

synonym: achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

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.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

pathetic

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

synonym: pitiful, miserable, sad

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

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

feeling disappointed.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym: scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

utility

n. the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

synonym: usefulness, practicality, utility

(1) **utility** costs, (2) marginal **utility**

The **utility** of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym: command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

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.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions, (2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

bloody

adj. covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

synonym: gory, gruesome, savage

(1) **bloody** massacre, (2) **bloody** diarrhea

The crime scene was **bloody** and gruesome.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

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

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

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.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted
Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**

We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

storage

n. the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

synonym: storehouse, depository, warehousing

(1) a **storage** battery, (2) **storage** at low temperature

We store customer data in cloud **storage**.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym : advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

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

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

excuse

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

synonym : apology, justification, reason

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

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

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

vacuum

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

synonym: void, emptiness, gap

(1) **vacuum** cleaner, (2) **vacuum** packing

Please use the **vacuum** to clean up the mess on the floor.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym: permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

hazard

n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage

synonym: peril, danger, threat

(1) occupational **hazard**, (2) potential health **hazards**

Lost mobile phones lead to another potential **hazard** regarding privacy.

bug

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

synonym: insect, bacterium, microbe

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

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

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

state-of-the-art

adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge

synonym: advanced, cutting-edge, innovative

(1) **state-of-the-art** technology, (2) **state-of-the-art** software

The hospital has **state-of-the-art** equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.

impressive

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

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

gaslight

- v.* to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light

synonym: manipulate, deceive, mislead

(1) **gaslight** the public by denying the evidence,

(2) **gaslight** district

He tried to **gaslight** her into believing that she was the one who caused the argument.

pun

- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

physics

- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

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.

soot

- n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

synonym: smut, dirt

(1) **soot-covered** walls, (2) black **soot**

The fire left a layer of **soot** on everything in the room.

mercury

n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

synonym: quicksilver, hydrargyrum, Hg

(1) **mercury** poisoning, (2) **Mercury** Plan

The **mercury** in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.

particulate

adj. consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air

synonym: granular, dusty

(1) **particulate** size, (2) **particulate** pollution

Smoke from forest fires is causing an increase in **particulate** matter in the air.

advocate

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

synonym: proponent, exponent, promoter

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

advocates

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

nonsense

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

synonym: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

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

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

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

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.

downwind

adv. in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

synonym: downstream, windward, leeward

(1) sweep away **downwind**, (2) move **downwind**

The smoke from the fire was blowing **downwind** towards the nearby town.

smokestack

n. a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air

synonym: chimney, stack, flue

(1) **smokestack** emissions, (2) industrial **smokestack**

The **smokestack** on top of the factory released thick clouds of pollution into the air.

occidental

adj. relating to the countries or cultures of the western hemisphere or the western parts of the world, especially Europe and North America; opposite of oriental

synonym: Western, European

(1) **occidental** philosophy, (2) **occidental** cuisine

The **occidental** culture heavily influences fashion trends in this country.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

- doe** *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare
(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**
Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.
- environment** *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate
(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.
- victim** *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
synonym: prey, target, sufferer
(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation
The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- downstream** *adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
synonym: lower, below, later
(1) go **downstream** in a boat, (2) **downstream** processing
The boat drifted **downstream** and was carried away by the current.
- offset** *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
synonym: balance, cancel out, countervail
(1) **offset** deposits and withdrawals, (2) **offset** a loss
Strong growth in core business **offsets** losses in other business segments.

chevron

- n.* a V-shaped pattern of decorative lines or stripes found in various types of fabrics, such as tweed or herringbone; (of a military) a symbol worn on the sleeve or shoulder of a uniform to indicate rank or length of service consisting of one or more V-shaped stripes, with the number of stripes indicating the level of rank

synonym: zigzag, v-shape, stripe

- (1) **chevron** pattern, (2) **chevron** stripes

The soldier's uniform had a **chevron** patch on the sleeve.

analyze

- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

- (1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

worthless

- adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

- (1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

junk

- n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

- (1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

jail

- n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

- (1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

aim	<p><i>v.</i> to try or plan to get or achieve something <i>synonym</i> : aspire, direct, target</p> <p>(1) aim at a specific target, (2) aim to be a nurse We aim for an overseas expansion.</p>
ignore	<p><i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to <i>synonym</i> : neglect, disregard, shun</p> <p>(1) ignore her advice, (2) ignore a ban Since independence, the area has been completely ignored.</p>
scope	<p><i>n.</i> the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that <i>synonym</i> : content, coverage, extent</p> <p>(1) scope of a project, (2) have broad scope The scope of human thought is diverse.</p>
windfall	<p><i>n.</i> an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain <i>synonym</i> : bonus, unexpected gain</p> <p>(1) windfall profit, (2) reap a windfall Winning the lottery was an unexpected windfall for him.</p>
profit	<p><i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved <i>synonym</i> : earnings, gain, proceeds</p> <p>(1) gross profit, (2) make a profit This business yields little profit.</p>
shareholder	<p><i>n.</i> a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company <i>synonym</i> : stockholder, shareowner, investor</p> <p>(1) the shareholder's meeting, (2) gain shareholder approval Our company is committed to increasing shareholder value.</p>

dividend

n. a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves

synonym: payout, distribution, return

(1) **dividend** on equity ratio, (2) receive a **dividend**

The company announced a quarterly **dividend** of \$0.50 per share.

buyback

n. the act of buying back something that was previously sold, especially by a company purchasing its shares of stock; a refund or repurchase of a product or item

synonym: repurchase, redemption, repaying

(1) stock **buyback**, (2) **buyback** agreement

The store's **buyback** program allowed customers to trade in their old electronics for store credit.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

synonym: earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret

Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

scalable

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

synonym: expandable, flexible, adjustable

(1) **scalable** solution, (2) dynamically **scalable**

The company's new software is highly **scalable**, allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

remotely

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

synonym: distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym: expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym: actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

phasedown

n. a gradual reduction in the activity, size, amount, or intensity of something, often related to the dismantling or elimination of a particular industry or practice

synonym: downsizing, reduction, decrease

(1) **phasedown** of production, (2) **phasedown** agreement

The government announced the **phasedown** of the use of coal-fired power plants in response to environmental concerns

committed

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

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

disclosure

n. the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

synonym: announcement, revelation, exposure

(1) **disclosure** agreement, (2) public **disclosure**

The company's **disclosure** of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

transparency

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

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

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

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

greenwashing

n. the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers

(1) **greenwashing** campaign, (2) **greenwashing** accusations

Many companies engage in **greenwashing** to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers without actually making significant changes to their products or practices.

reform

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

synonym: change, modify, improve

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

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

absolute

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

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

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

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

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

prohibit

v. to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

synonym: ban, forbid, refuse

(1) **prohibit** destructive activities, (2) **prohibit** the use of phone

Congress passed a law to **prohibit** the disposal of nuclear waste.

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.

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.

insufficient

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

synonym: deficient, inadequate, scarce

(1) **insufficient** evidence, (2) there are **insufficient** doctors

We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were **insufficient**.

allocate

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

synonym: apportion, assign, distribute

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

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

subsidy

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

synonym: allowance, grant, sponsorship

(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research

The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

taxpayer

n. a person who pays taxes to the government

synonym: contributor, payer, financier

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

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

preposterous

adj. absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

synonym: ridiculous, absurd, nonsensical

(1) **preposterous** claim, (2) **preposterous** price

The idea that aliens built the pyramids is **preposterous**.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

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.

off-take

n. the act of taking or extracting something, typically referring to the removal or withdrawal of a resource or product from a larger source or system

synonym: draw-off, extricate, tap

(1) **off-take** arrangement, (2) **off-take** contract

The company has signed an **off-take** agreement with a supplier for five years.

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.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car
The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
synonym: gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**
Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

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.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**
Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

hydrogen

n. the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

(1) **hydrogen** gas, (2) heavy **hydrogen**

The **hydrogen** and the oxygen react and then form water.

electrolysis

n. a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution

(1) **electrolysis** apparatus, (2) copper **electrolysis** process

The **electrolysis** of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.

surmount

v. to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something

synonym : overcome, conquer, prevail

(1) **surmount** fears, (2) **surmount** challenges

You can **surmount** any obstacle in your path with determination and hard work.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym : greatly, noticeably, suddenly

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

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

rescale

v. to alter the scale or size of something, typically by making it larger or smaller; to adjust, calibrate, or standardize something to a new or different level or value

synonym : resize, readjust, resample

(1) **rescale** a recipe, (2) **rescale** operation

We need to **rescale** the image to fit properly on the website.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**
Parliament is now in **session**.

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym: channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

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**.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

synonym: refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

tire

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around

the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

synonym: exhaust, weary, fatigue

(1) **tire** my patience, (2) **tire** pressure

I need to **tire** out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym: consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

lag

v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

synonym: delay, slow down, fall behind

(1) **lag** a long way behind the progress, (2) **lag** behind its

competition

Our interest began to **lag** sharply.

loop

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

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

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

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

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym: disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym: flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

doubt

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

synonym: distrust, suspect, mistrust

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pa____ic attempt | <i>adj.</i> arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability |
| 2. the te_____ue applied to construction | <i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill |
| 3. in_____on control | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 4. construction of new c__l plants | <i>n.</i> a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat |
| 5. tro_____re pollution | <i>n.</i> the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs |
| 6. se__r system | <i>n.</i> an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater |
| 7. gross pr____t | <i>n.</i> money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved |
| 8. in_____us device | <i>adj.</i> showing inventiveness and ability or skill |
| 9. take several inputs sim_____sly | <i>adv.</i> at the same time |

ANSWERS: 1. pathetic, 2. technique, 3. inflation, 4. coal, 5. troposphere, 6. sewer, 7. profit, 8. ingenious, 9. simultaneously

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| 10. he confessed dra_____lly | <i>adv.</i> in a very impressive manner |
| 11. I don't care a c__p | <i>n.</i> a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat |
| 12. lev_____ded decision | <i>adj.</i> possessing a calm and rational attitude; able to make sound judgments and decisions, especially during times of stress or difficult situations |
| 13. de_____e a job offer | <i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept |
| 14. environmental po_____on | <i>n.</i> the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change |
| 15. su____r a setback | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 16. delinquent ta_____er | <i>n.</i> a person who pays taxes to the government |
| 17. com_____se the matter | <i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession |
| 18. sweep away do_____nd | <i>adv.</i> in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry |
| 19. na____n-state | <i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture |
| 20. foreign po____y | <i>n.</i> a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective |

ANSWERS: 10. dramatically, 11. chip, 12. level-headed, 13. decline, 14. pollution, 15. suffer, 16. taxpayer, 17. compromise, 18. downwind, 19. nation, 20. policy

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| 21. an in_____ve to work hard | <i>n.</i> something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something |
| 22. resource uti_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of using something effectively or productively; the extent to which something is used |
| 23. a fishing p__e | <i>n.</i> one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something |
| 24. burning of fo___l fuels | <i>n.</i> any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock |
| 25. tr_____on cubic feet | <i>n.</i> the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million |
| 26. silly p_n | <i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay |
| 27. cor_____on accusation | <i>n.</i> dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power |
| 28. black s__t | <i>n.</i> a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire |
| 29. technology uti_____on | <i>n.</i> the act or process of using something effectively or productively; the extent to which something is used |

ANSWERS: 21. incentive, 22. utilization, 23. pole, 24. fossil, 25. trillion, 26. pun, 27. corruption, 28. soot, 29. utilization

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| 30. nuclear ph____s | <i>n.</i> the science of matter and energy and their interactions |
| 31. gre_____ing campaign | <i>n.</i> the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers |
| 32. gi_____ic monsters | <i>adj.</i> extremely large |
| 33. eco_____al use of her time | <i>adj.</i> providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary |
| 34. de___y troops for battle | <i>v.</i> to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way |
| 35. gr__h theory | <i>n.</i> a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other |
| 36. the cabin pressure fell dra_____lly | <i>adv.</i> in a very impressive manner |
| 37. financial in_____ves | <i>n.</i> something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something |
| 38. public education ad_____tes | <i>n.</i> a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something |
| 39. wo_____ss coin | <i>adj.</i> having no value or usefulness; not worth considering |
| 40. ind_____us worker | <i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort |

ANSWERS: 30. physics, 31. greenwashing, 32. gigantic, 33. economical, 34. deploy, 35. graph, 36. dramatically, 37. incentive, 38. advocate, 39. worthless, 40. industrious

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| 41. co_____ed of the idea | <i>adj.</i> completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion |
| 42. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 43. acc_____te a chemical reaction | <i>v.</i> to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly |
| 44. get money by fr__d | <i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses |
| 45. unr_____ng pressure | <i>adj.</i> not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal |
| 46. a confidential se_____ry | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization |
| 47. in___t capital | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |
| 48. li_____e renewal | <i>n.</i> an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service |
| 49. in___t in stocks | <i>v.</i> to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result |

ANSWERS: 41. convinced, 42. electrify, 43. accelerate, 44. fraud, 45. unrelenting, 46. secretary, 47. invest, 48. license, 49. invest

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| 50. economically fe____le | <i>adj.</i> capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved |
| 51. pe____l station | <i>n.</i> a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America |
| 52. a divine rev_____on | <i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency |
| 53. tre_____us amount | <i>adj.</i> very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good |
| 54. the plus p__e | <i>n.</i> one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something |
| 55. make ast_____ng gains | <i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe |
| 56. baseless pre_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition |
| 57. su____r bad grades | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 58. equ_____nt in meaning | <i>n.</i> having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc. |

ANSWERS: 50. feasible, 51. petrol, 52. revelation, 53. tremendous, 54. pole, 55. astonishing, 56. pretension, 57. suffer, 58. equivalent

59. cu____cy exchange	<i>n.</i> a system of money in general use in a particular country
60. dr____t conditions	<i>n.</i> 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
61. ma____e amounts	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
62. tr__e back to medieval times	<i>v.</i> to find or discover someone or something that was lost
63. a two-t__r system	<i>n.</i> one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
64. b_g the question	<i>v.</i> to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
65. at inc____le speed	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
66. fully co____y with all laws	<i>v.</i> to obey an order, set of rules, or request
67. se____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions	<i>v.</i> to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
68. high am____de	<i>n.</i> the extent or magnitude of something; the volume or intensity of a sound wave or signal
69. deeply p__w the soil	<i>n.</i> a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 59. currency, 60. drought, 61. massive, 62. trace, 63. tier, 64. beg, 65. incredible, 66. comply, 67. sequester, 68. amplitude, 69. plow

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| 70. act con_____ly | <i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner |
| 71. real estate ag____y | <i>n.</i> an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action |
| 72. sl__e a glance | <i>v.</i> to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption |
| 73. ca____n emission | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 74. a cr_____le story | <i>adj.</i> capable of being trusted or believed |
| 75. express si_____e regret | <i>adj.</i> (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful |
| 76. periods of dr_____t | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 77. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases | <i>n.</i> the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc. |
| 78. a fo____l leaf | <i>n.</i> any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock |
| 79. r__l down his cheeks | <i>v.</i> to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side |

ANSWERS: 70. consciously, 71. agency, 72. slide, 73. carbon, 74. credible, 75. sincere, 76. drought, 77. emission, 78. fossil, 79. roll

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| 80. a h__e in prices | <i>n.</i> a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost |
| 81. a hotel lo__y | <i>n.</i> a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation |
| 82. ob____le avoidance | <i>n.</i> a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress |
| 83. ir___c result | <i>adj.</i> using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect |
| 84. marginal ut____y | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public |
| 85. a cr__l and unusual punishment | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others |
| 86. ca___l a class | <i>v.</i> to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place |
| 87. ex____e a newcomer | <i>v.</i> to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity |
| 88. a gradual re____on | <i>n.</i> a decrease in size, amount, or degree |
| 89. economic re___m | <i>n.</i> the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem |

ANSWERS: 80. hike, 81. lobby, 82. obstacle, 83. ironic, 84. utility, 85. cruel, 86. cancel, 87. exclude, 88. reduction, 89. reform

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| 90. dis_____re agreement | <i>n.</i> the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts |
| 91. move do_____nd | <i>adv.</i> in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry |
| 92. ope_____ed agreements | <i>adj.</i> without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response |
| 93. occupational ha____d | <i>n.</i> something dangerous and likely to cause damage |
| 94. ca____l a free subscription trial | <i>v.</i> to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place |
| 95. po_____ed air | <i>adj.</i> contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances |
| 96. vice-pr_____nt for finance | <i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc. |
| 97. sc__e of a project | <i>n.</i> the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that |
| 98. se_____ry general | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization |
| 99. the sha_____er's meeting | <i>n.</i> a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company |

ANSWERS: 90. disclosure, 91. downwind, 92. open-ended, 93. hazard, 94. cancel, 95. polluted, 96. president, 97. scope, 98. secretary, 99. shareholder

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| 100. reduce me_____e emissions | <i>n.</i> a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH ₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel |
| 101. wha_____er it be | <i>adv.</i> not at all; no matter what |
| 102. an imp_____ve array of facts | <i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill |
| 103. em_____ng country | <i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known |
| 104. ma_____e obligation | <i>n.</i> an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task |
| 105. the atmospheric tem_____re | <i>n.</i> the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place |
| 106. an en_____ng smile | <i>adj.</i> attracting, pleasant, or charming |
| 107. de_____r at the future | <i>n.</i> the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation |
| 108. a su_____y for research | <i>n.</i> money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen |
| 109. gre_____ing accusations | <i>n.</i> the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers |
| 110. show ge_____e regret | <i>adj.</i> real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed |

ANSWERS: 100. methane, 101. whatsoever, 102. impressive, 103. emerging, 104. mandate, 105. temperature, 106. engaging, 107. despair, 108. subsidy, 109. greenwashing, 110. genuine

111. home in____on	<i>n.</i> army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
112. di____s solutions	<i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
113. unr____ng pursuit	<i>adj.</i> not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
114. an absolute de____l	<i>n.</i> a statement that something is not true or does not exist
115. go dow____am in a boat	<i>adv.</i> in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
116. a fl__d of questions	<i>n.</i> a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
117. meet with opp____on	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
118. smokeless f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
119. a hard and re____nt steel	<i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
120. se__e the day	<i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
121. co____y with a code	<i>v.</i> to obey an order, set of rules, or request

ANSWERS: 111. invasion, 112. discuss, 113. unrelenting, 114. denial, 115. downstream, 116. flood, 117. opposition, 118. fuel, 119. resilient, 120. seize, 121. comply

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| 122. smo_____ck emissions | <i>n.</i> a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air |
| 123. pro_____al accent | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook |
| 124. a convivial atm_____re | <i>n.</i> the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work |
| 125. cl___e plot | <i>n.</i> a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement |
| 126. beginning of the ind_____al revolution | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or resulting from industry |
| 127. beginning of the industrial rev_____on | <i>n.</i> a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war; |
| 128. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 129. the tr__k of the body | <i>n.</i> the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow |
| 130. the co_____ct between good and evil | <i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals |
| 131. s__n the face of the man | <i>v.</i> to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information |

ANSWERS: 122. smokestack, 123. provincial, 124. atmosphere, 125. cliché, 126. industrial, 127. revolution, 128. opportune, 129. trunk, 130. conflict, 131. scan

132. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
133. legislative v__o *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president
134. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
135. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
136. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
137. aut_____ive source *adj.* having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience
138. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
139. control re_____ly *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
140. ga_____ht the public by denying the evidence *v.* to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light

ANSWERS: 132. obvious, 133. veto, 134. loop, 135. colleague, 136. government, 137. authoritative, 138. legislation, 139. remotely, 140. gaslight

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| 141. t__r one company | <i>n.</i> one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance |
| 142. bl_____il scheme | <i>n.</i> the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information |
| 143. easy qu_____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started |
| 144. sta_____art software | <i>adj.</i> characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge |
| 145. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 146. have a lev_____ded conversation | <i>adj.</i> possessing a calm and rational attitude; able to make sound judgments and decisions, especially during times of stress or difficult situations |
| 147. fr__k weather | <i>n.</i> an abnormality that is not typical or expected |
| 148. an_____ce the award winners | <i>v.</i> to make something known or officially inform people about something |
| 149. a st_____e battery | <i>n.</i> the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information |

ANSWERS: 141. tier, 142. blackmail, 143. quitter, 144. state-of-the-art, 145. creditor, 146. level-headed, 147. freak, 148. announce, 149. storage

150. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
151. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
152. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
153. sc_____le solution *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
154. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
155. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
156. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
157. public dis_____re *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
158. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
159. re_____e operation *v.* to alter the scale or size of something, typically by making it larger or smaller; to adjust, calibrate, or standardize something to a new or different level or value

ANSWERS: 150. responsible, 151. appoint, 152. definition, 153. scalable, 154. bug, 155. install, 156. analyze, 157. disclosure, 158. appoint, 159. rescale

160. a vul_____le bridge	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
161. disarm the b__b	<i>n.</i> a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
162. Me_____y Plan	<i>n.</i> a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
163. have broad sc__e	<i>n.</i> the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that
164. wi_____ll profit	<i>n.</i> an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
165. sl___r of metal	<i>n.</i> a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
166. a meteorological sa_____te	<i>n.</i> an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
167. financial cr___s	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 160. vulnerable, 161. bomb, 162. mercury, 163. scope, 164. windfall, 165. sliver, 166. satellite, 167. crisis

168. col_____ion platform	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
169. state of de___l	<i>n.</i> a statement that something is not true or does not exist
170. his conclusion was ob____s	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
171. su_____ze the cost	<i>v.</i> to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
172. re_____e one word with another	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
173. spread fa_____ods	<i>n.</i> a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
174. ba_____y charging	<i>n.</i> a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
175. a seafaring na___n	<i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
176. sim_____sly affected	<i>adv.</i> at the same time
177. go on a h__e	<i>n.</i> a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
178. a scientific di_____ry	<i>n.</i> the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
179. dense veg_____on	<i>n.</i> plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

ANSWERS: 168. collaboration, 169. denial, 170. obvious, 171. subsidize, 172. replace, 173. falsehood, 174. battery, 175. nation, 176. simultaneously, 177. hike, 178. discovery, 179. vegetation

180. opp_____on campaign	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
181. de___e on a course of action	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
182. a_m at a specific target	<i>v.</i> to try or plan to get or achieve something
183. an egg sh__l	<i>n.</i> hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
184. m__t down gold	<i>v.</i> to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
185. dynamically sc_____le	<i>adj.</i> capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
186. effects of cl_____e change	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
187. a ge_____e article	<i>adj.</i> real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
188. co_____ed criminal	<i>adj.</i> completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
189. em_____r the secretary to do the same	<i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something
190. ex___d agricultural output	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
191. an ob_____le to progress	<i>n.</i> a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

ANSWERS: 180. opposition, 181. decide, 182. aim, 183. shell, 184. melt, 185. scalable, 186. climate, 187. genuine, 188. convinced, 189. empower, 190. expand, 191. obstacle

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| 192. ensure a smooth tra_____on | <i>n.</i> the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another |
| 193. va____m packing | <i>n.</i> a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction |
| 194. gov_____nt bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state |
| 195. the rev_____on of a secret | <i>n.</i> a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency |
| 196. ca_____e a glimpse | <i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape |
| 197. mu_____al bond | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town |
| 198. cl__m responsibility | <i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true |
| 199. hunk of j__k | <i>n.</i> discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition |

ANSWERS: 192. transition, 193. vacuum, 194. government, 195. revelation, 196. capture, 197. municipal, 198. claim, 199. junk

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| 200. im____e the test score | <i>v.</i> to make or become better |
| 201. sc___m at him to be quiet | <i>v.</i> to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice |
| 202. fe____le assumption | <i>adj.</i> capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved |
| 203. talk no____se | <i>n.</i> an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable |
| 204. a picture fr__e | <i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 205. su____ze the project | <i>v.</i> to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially |
| 206. de____p a strategy | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 207. global in____on | <i>n.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 200. improve, 201. scream, 202. feasible, 203. nonsense, 204. frame, 205. subsidize, 206. develop, 207. inflation

208. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
209. enjoy a la___h trip abroad *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
210. At____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
211. bl___y diarrhea *adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
212. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
213. pi____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
214. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
215. the morning se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
216. v__o power *n.* the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

ANSWERS: 208. lift, 209. lavish, 210. Atlantic, 211. bloody, 212. roll, 213. pipeline, 214. victim, 215. session, 216. veto

217. education pol_____er	<i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
218. industrial smo_____ck	<i>n.</i> a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air
219. tra_____on phase	<i>n.</i> the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
220. complete no_____ly	<i>adv.</i> usually; under normal conditions
221. of_____ke contract	<i>n.</i> the act of taking or extracting something, typically referring to the removal or withdrawal of a resource or product from a larger source or system
222. pro_____al town	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook
223. su_____nt challenges	<i>v.</i> to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something
224. se___e a person's property	<i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
225. pr_____s improvement	<i>n.</i> a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 217. policymaker, 218. smokestack, 219. transition, 220. normally, 221. off-take, 222. provincial, 223. surmount, 224. seize, 225. process

226. re_____le energy	<i>adj.</i> capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
227. the fr__e of the policy	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
228. ex___e the crowd	<i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
229. dow_____am processing	<i>adv.</i> in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
230. be in j__l	<i>n.</i> a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
231. an_____ce candidacy	<i>v.</i> to make something known or officially inform people about something
232. wo_____ss stock	<i>adj.</i> having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
233. regional pol_____er	<i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
234. sta_____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
235. budget su_____s	<i>n.</i> an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
236. county j__l	<i>n.</i> a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
237. intelligence ag___y	<i>n.</i> an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 226. renewable, 227. frame, 228. excite, 229. downstream, 230. jail, 231.

announce, 232. worthless, 233. policymaker, 234. statistics, 235. surplus, 236. jail, 237. agency

246. di____se my feelings	<i>v.</i> to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
247. the mu_____al authorities	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town
248. co_____al combination of funds	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
249. cannot com_____se anymore	<i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
250. the con_____ce of an argument	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
251. witty p_n	<i>n.</i> a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
252. re_____le subscriptions	<i>adj.</i> capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
253. re_____nt population	<i>adj.</i> able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
254. bank and credit un__ns	<i>n.</i> a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
255. de___y safety measures	<i>v.</i> to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
256. lack of tra_____ncy	<i>n.</i> the condition or quality of being easy to see through

ANSWERS: 246. disguise, 247. municipal, 248. communal, 249. compromise, 250. consequence, 251. pun, 252. renewable, 253. resilient, 254. union, 255. deploy, 256. transparency

257. re_____on strategy	<i>n.</i> a decrease in size, amount, or degree
258. intensive agr_____re	<i>n.</i> the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
259. en_____ng story	<i>adj.</i> attracting, pleasant, or charming
260. pre_____ous claim	<i>adj.</i> absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense
261. many tr_____ons of dollars	<i>n.</i> the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
262. pl____e military assistance	<i>v.</i> to make a formal promise to give or do something
263. re_____e the trend	<i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
264. a st_____ht line	<i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
265. a gr__h sample	<i>n.</i> a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
266. unintended con_____ces	<i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
267. a data pi_____ne	<i>n.</i> a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
268. a precise def_____on	<i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 257. reduction, 258. agriculture, 259. engaging, 260. preposterous, 261. trillion, 262. pledge, 263. reverse, 264. straight, 265. graph, 266. consequence, 267. pipeline, 268. definition

269. preserve my gr____y	<i>n.</i> the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
270. ex___e for inaction	<i>n.</i> a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
271. in_____l a chairperson	<i>v.</i> to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
272. l__t a ban on alcohol	<i>v.</i> to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
273. a com_____nt to an alliance	<i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
274. the most am_____g feeling	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
275. a c__p of wood	<i>n.</i> a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
276. bl___y massacre	<i>adj.</i> covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality
277. pu_____ly accessible record	<i>adv.</i> in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
278. occ_____al philosophy	<i>adj.</i> relating to the countries or cultures of the western hemisphere or the western parts of the world, especially Europe and North America; opposite of oriental

ANSWERS: 269. gravity, 270. excuse, 271. install, 272. lift, 273. commitment, 274. amazing, 275. chip, 276. bloody, 277. publicly, 278. occidental

279. imp_____ion on stage	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
280. re____d him as an enemy	<i>v.</i> to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
281. enter on the last ph__e	<i>n.</i> any stage in a series of events, change, or development
282. serial qu____r	<i>n.</i> a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
283. bu____g desire	<i>adj.</i> intense or scorching heat
284. ast_____ng achievement	<i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
285. peace co____ss	<i>n.</i> a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
286. re____t sound	<i>v.</i> to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered
287. ph_____wn agreement	<i>n.</i> a gradual reduction in the activity, size, amount, or intensity of something, often related to the dismantling or elimination of a particular industry or practice
288. bi____l technology	<i>n.</i> a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

ANSWERS: 279. improvisation, 280. regard, 281. phase, 282. quitter, 283. burning, 284. astonishing, 285. congress, 286. refract, 287. phasedown, 288. biofuel

289. ind_____us student	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
290. emissions of gre_____se gases	<i>n.</i> a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
291. heavy hy_____en	<i>n.</i> the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
292. j__k mail	<i>n.</i> discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
293. chaotic env_____nt	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
294. ma_____e stars	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
295. re____t temptation	<i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
296. par_____te pollution	<i>adj.</i> consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air
297. bl_____il extortion	<i>n.</i> the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information
298. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re	<i>n.</i> the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 289. industrious, 290. greenhouse, 291. hydrogen, 292. junk, 293. environment, 294. massive, 295. resist, 296. particulate, 297. blackmail, 298. atmosphere

299. a cold cl____e	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
300. in____us idea	<i>adj.</i> showing inventiveness and ability or skill
301. em____r my life	<i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something
302. vul____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
303. the tr__k of the tree	<i>n.</i> the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
304. br____ly lie	<i>adv.</i> behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences
305. con____ly aware of a problem	<i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner
306. vi___m support	<i>n.</i> a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
307. ta____er money	<i>n.</i> a person who pays taxes to the government
308. sa____ic pleasure	<i>adj.</i> deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
309. false cl__m	<i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 299. climate, 300. ingenious, 301. empower, 302. vulnerable, 303. trunk, 304. brazenly, 305. consciously, 306. victim, 307. taxpayer, 308. sadistic, 309. claim

310. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
311. sa____ic behavior *adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer
312. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
313. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
314. a si____e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
315. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
316. 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
317. inefficient fossil fuel su____y *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
318. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
319. sheer no____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 310. calm, 311. sadistic, 312. profit, 313. faith, 314. sincere, 315. corruption, 316. carbon, 317. subsidy, 318. industrial, 319. nonsense

320. a mollusk sh__l	<i>n.</i> hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
321. a te_____ue in martial arts	<i>n.</i> a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
322. bre_____ugh discovery	<i>n.</i> a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
323. su_____nt fears	<i>v.</i> to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something
324. pl____t like the Earth	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
325. emotional di_____ss	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
326. buck and d_e	<i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
327. re_____e the order	<i>v.</i> to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
328. two-ph__e structure	<i>n.</i> any stage in a series of events, change, or development
329. atomic b__bs	<i>n.</i> a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 320. shell, 321. technique, 322. breakthrough, 323. surmount, 324. planet, 325. distress, 326. doe, 327. reverse, 328. phase, 329. bomb

330. s__t-covered walls *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
331. ch____n pattern *n.* a V-shaped pattern of decorative lines or stripes found in various types of fabrics, such as tweed or herringbone; (of a military) a symbol worn on the sleeve or shoulder of a uniform to indicate rank or length of service consisting of one or more V-shaped stripes, with the number of stripes indicating the level of rank
332. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
333. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
334. ele_____sis apparatus *n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution
335. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
336. do_____ur of criticism *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
337. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 330. soot, 331. chevron, 332. feat, 333. automatically, 334. electrolysis, 335. accelerate, 336. downpour, 337. congress

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| 338. pr____it destructive activities | <i>v.</i> to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law |
| 339. mul_____ral negotiations | <i>adj.</i> 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 |
| 340. of____t deposits and withdrawals | <i>v.</i> to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence |
| 341. an eco_____al meal | <i>adj.</i> providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary |
| 342. anti-terrorist leg_____on | <i>n.</i> a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws |
| 343. a GPS sa_____te | <i>n.</i> an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc. |
| 344. equ_____nt amounts | <i>n.</i> having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc. |
| 345. extreme tem_____res | <i>n.</i> the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place |
| 346. hy_____en gas | <i>n.</i> the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water |

ANSWERS: 338. prohibit, 339. multilateral, 340. offset, 341. economical, 342. legislation, 343. satellite, 344. equivalent, 345. temperature, 346. hydrogen

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| 347. de____e in quality | <i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept |
| 348. s__n a document into PDF | <i>v.</i> to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information |
| 349. copper ele____sis process | <i>n.</i> a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution |
| 350. perfect ex____e | <i>n.</i> a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt |
| 351. aut____ive figure | <i>adj.</i> having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience |
| 352. cadmium-po____ed area | <i>adj.</i> contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances |
| 353. strong and co____ed sales staff | <i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something |
| 354. pu____ly financed schools | <i>adv.</i> in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government |
| 355. br____ly cheat | <i>adv.</i> behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences |

ANSWERS: 347. decline, 348. scan, 349. electrolysis, 350. excuse, 351. authoritative, 352. polluted, 353. committed, 354. publicly, 355. brazenly

356. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
357. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
358. Arctic tro____re *n.* the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs
359. me____y poisoning *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
360. the attraction of gr____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
361. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
362. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
363. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
364. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 356. analyze, 357. calm, 358. troposphere, 359. mercury, 360. gravity, 361. grid, 362. ignore, 363. crisis, 364. progression

365. ch____n stripes *n.* a V-shaped pattern of decorative lines or stripes found in various types of fabrics, such as tweed or herringbone; (of a military) a symbol worn on the sleeve or shoulder of a uniform to indicate rank or length of service consisting of one or more V-shaped stripes, with the number of stripes indicating the level of rank
366. par____te size *adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air
367. muscle am____de *n.* the extent or magnitude of something; the volume or intensity of a sound wave or signal
368. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
369. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
370. official sta____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
371. 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
372. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 365. chevron, 366. particulate, 367. amplitude, 368. license, 369. mention, 370. statistics, 371. greenhouse, 372. mention

373. At____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
374. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
375. se__r device *n.* an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater
376. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
377. b_g for help *v.* to ask for something urgently or earnestly; to appeal to someone to do something
378. an ad____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
379. sl____r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 373. Atlantic, 374. process, 375. sewer, 376. spite, 377. beg, 378. advocate, 379. sliver

380. gain sha_____er approval	<i>n.</i> a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company
381. occ_____al cuisine	<i>adj.</i> relating to the countries or cultures of the western hemisphere or the western parts of the world, especially Europe and North America; opposite of oriental
382. imp_____ve performances	<i>adj.</i> arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
383. the longstanding co_____ct	<i>n.</i> a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
384. the em_____on of light	<i>n.</i> the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
385. se_____er myself from the world	<i>v.</i> to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
386. a dry ba_____y	<i>n.</i> a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
387. im_____e a process	<i>v.</i> to make or become better
388. re_____e around a central axis	<i>v.</i> to rotate around a central point
389. save the pl____t	<i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
390. fa__h in government	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 380. shareholder, 381. occidental, 382. impressive, 383. conflict, 384. emission, 385. sequester, 386. battery, 387. improve, 388. revolve, 389. planet, 390. faith

391. a_m to be a nurse	<i>v.</i> to try or plan to get or achieve something
392. pre_____on to authority	<i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
393. sta_____art technology	<i>adj.</i> characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
394. lo__y for legislation	<i>n.</i> a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
395. receive a di_____nd	<i>n.</i> a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
396. ex___e rebellion	<i>v.</i> to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
397. tre_____us popularity	<i>adj.</i> very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
398. mo__l burden	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
399. ex___d a lineup	<i>v.</i> to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
400. attempted mu___r	<i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally

ANSWERS: 391. aim, 392. pretension, 393. state-of-the-art, 394. lobby, 395. dividend, 396. excite, 397. tremendous, 398. moral, 399. expand, 400. murder

401. gi__t tech company	<i>adj.</i> enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
402. co____e augmented reality	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group
403. ga____ht district	<i>v.</i> to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light
404. de____te a routine task	<i>n.</i> a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
405. of____ke arrangement	<i>n.</i> the act of taking or extracting something, typically referring to the removal or withdrawal of a resource or product from a larger source or system
406. sl__e a card across the table	<i>v.</i> to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
407. fl__d advisory	<i>n.</i> a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
408. no do__t about the news	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
409. pe____l engine	<i>n.</i> a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America

ANSWERS: 401. giant, 402. combine, 403. gaslight, 404. delegate, 405. off-take, 406. slide, 407. flood, 408. doubt, 409. petrol

410. jazz imp_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
411. re___t being kissed	<i>v.</i> to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
412. a c___l-fired ship	<i>n.</i> a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
413. pr_____nt emeritus	<i>n.</i> the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
414. cr___l joke	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
415. reap a wi_____ll	<i>n.</i> an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain
416. re___d the situation as unfortunate	<i>v.</i> to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
417. die in sp___e of intensive care	<i>n.</i> feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
418. potential health ha___ds	<i>n.</i> something dangerous and likely to cause damage
419. a craft un___n	<i>n.</i> a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 410. improvisation, 411. resist, 412. coal, 413. president, 414. cruel, 415. windfall, 416. regard, 417. spite, 418. hazard, 419. union

420. feelings of gr_____de	<i>n.</i> the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
421. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
422. an ope_____ed discussion	<i>adj.</i> without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
423. re_____e a phone	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
424. there are ins_____ent doctors	<i>adj.</i> not enough for a particular purpose
425. pr_____it the use of phone	<i>v.</i> to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law
426. re_____ly operate	<i>adv.</i> at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
427. d_e rabbit	<i>n.</i> a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
428. d__p hazardous waste	<i>v.</i> to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
429. pl___e my fidelity	<i>v.</i> to make a formal promise to give or do something
430. ec_____y of scale	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 420. gratitude, 421. decide, 422. open-ended, 423. replace, 424. insufficient, 425. prohibit, 426. remotely, 427. doe, 428. dump, 429. pledge, 430. economy

431. gi____ic proportions	<i>adj.</i> extremely large
432. bu____k agreement	<i>n.</i> the act of buying back something that was previously sold, especially by a company purchasing its shares of stock; a refund or repurchase of a product or item
433. former co____ue	<i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
434. ph____wn of production	<i>n.</i> a gradual reduction in the activity, size, amount, or intensity of something, often related to the dismantling or elimination of a particular industry or practice
435. m__t the ice	<i>v.</i> to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
436. re____e a prisoner	<i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement
437. su____s of exports	<i>n.</i> an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
438. bre____ugh in the negotiations	<i>n.</i> a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
439. st____ht for two months	<i>adj.</i> extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
440. em____ng technologies	<i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

ANSWERS: 431. gigantic, 432. buyback, 433. colleague, 434. phasedown, 435. melt, 436. release, 437. surplus, 438. breakthrough, 439. straight, 440. emerging

441. age-old cl___e	<i>n.</i> a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
442. al____te budgets	<i>v.</i> to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose
443. di____nd on equity ratio	<i>n.</i> a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves
444. mu___r in the second degree	<i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally
445. in a co_____ed relationship	<i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
446. col_____ion between companies	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
447. hi_____y system	<i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
448. tropical veg_____on	<i>n.</i> plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
449. Ottoman su___n	<i>n.</i> a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
450. mo__l hazard	<i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
451. digital cu_____cy	<i>n.</i> a system of money in general use in a particular country

ANSWERS: 441. cliché, 442. allocate, 443. dividend, 444. murder, 445. committed, 446. collaboration, 447. highway, 448. vegetation, 449. sultan, 450. moral, 451. currency

452. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
453. a debt of gr_____de *n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
454. 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
455. va___m cleaner *n.* a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction
456. t__e my patience *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
457. la___h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
458. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
459. torrential do_____ur *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
460. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
461. re_____e at high speed *v.* to rotate around a central point
462. pre_____ous price *adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

ANSWERS: 452. giant, 453. gratitude, 454. electrify, 455. vacuum, 456. tire, 457. lavish, 458. communal, 459. downpour, 460. absolute, 461. revolve, 462. preposterous

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| 463. positive feedback l__p | <i>n.</i> a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself |
| 464. bl____t disregard | <i>adj.</i> completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior |
| 465. meet his com_____nts | <i>n.</i> a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way |
| 466. al____te resource | <i>v.</i> to give or distribute something, such as resources or duties, to someone or something for a particular purpose |
| 467. l_g behind its competition | <i>v.</i> to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc. |
| 468. ut____y costs | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public |
| 469. without impact wha_____er | <i>adv.</i> not at all; no matter what |
| 470. an Imperial ma_____e | <i>n.</i> an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task |
| 471. intellectual f__t | <i>n.</i> a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery |
| 472. the Turkish in_____on | <i>n.</i> army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it |
| 473. number of b_g fixes | <i>n.</i> any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine |

ANSWERS: 463. loop, 464. blatant, 465. commitment, 466. allocate, 467. lag, 468. utility, 469. whatsoever, 470. mandate, 471. feat, 472. invasion, 473. bug

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| 474. tr__e a telephone call | v. | to find or discover someone or something that was lost |
| 475. t__e pressure | v. | to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued;
(noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving |
| 476. a m__o pad | n. | a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company |
| 477. blue al__e | n. | A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots |
| 478. di____s options | v. | to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic |
| 479. organic agr____re | n. | the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock |
| 480. sc___m a profanity | v. | to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice |
| 481. record driving aut_____lly | adv. | without needing a direct human control |
| 482. the great di____ry of the century | n. | the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known |

ANSWERS: 474. trace, 475. tire, 476. memo, 477. algae, 478. discuss, 479. agriculture, 480. scream, 481. automatically, 482. discovery

483. palpable fa_____od	<i>n.</i> a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading
484. env_____nt affairs	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
485. dispel do__ts	<i>n.</i> a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
486. su_____e beforehand	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
487. send a de_____te	<i>n.</i> a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone
488. a rock fr__k	<i>n.</i> an abnormality that is not typical or expected
489. ex_____e all other possibilities	<i>v.</i> to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
490. re_____e a recipe	<i>v.</i> to alter the scale or size of something, typically by making it larger or smaller; to adjust, calibrate, or standardize something to a new or different level or value
491. the cr_____or's claims	<i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
492. de_____p a skill	<i>v.</i> 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: 483. falsehood, 484. environment, 485. doubt, 486. suppose, 487. delegate, 488. freak, 489. exclude, 490. rescale, 491. creditor, 492. develop

493. ig___e her advice	<i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
494. inc_____le amount	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
495. ec_____y class	<i>n.</i> 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
496. victim of fr__d	<i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
497. co_____e chemically with another substance	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group
498. ab_____te loyalty	<i>adj.</i> perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
499. ins_____ent evidence	<i>adj.</i> not enough for a particular purpose
500. high levels of air po_____on	<i>n.</i> the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
501. bl_____t hypocrisy	<i>adj.</i> completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior
502. re_____e CO2 into the air	<i>v.</i> to set free or allow to escape from confinement
503. biomass f__l	<i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 493. ignore, 494. incredible, 495. economy, 496. fraud, 497. combine, 498. absolute, 499. insufficient, 500. pollution, 501. blatant, 502. release, 503. fuel

504. pa____ic display	<i>adj.</i> arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
505. pro_____on of disease	<i>n.</i> the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
506. di_____se his voice	<i>v.</i> to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
507. am_____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
508. the su____n's throne	<i>n.</i> a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader
509. st_____e at low temperature	<i>n.</i> the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information
510. an interstate hi_____y	<i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
511. laws of ph_____s	<i>n.</i> the science of matter and energy and their interactions
512. m__o content	<i>n.</i> a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
513. res_____le for a customer service	<i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 504. pathetic, 505. progression, 506. disguise, 507. amazing, 508. sultan, 509. storage, 510. highway, 511. physics, 512. memo, 513. responsible

514. an ir___c turn of events	<i>adj.</i> using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
515. a signal of di_____ss	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
516. l_g a long way behind the progress	<i>v.</i> to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.
517. ca_____e customers' hearts	<i>v.</i> to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
518. cr_____le source	<i>adj.</i> capable of being trusted or believed
519. an op_____ne remark	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
520. re_____t light	<i>v.</i> to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered
521. the court se_____n	<i>n.</i> a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
522. mul_____ral trade agreement	<i>adj.</i> 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: 514. ironic, 515. distress, 516. lag, 517. capture, 518. credible, 519. opportune, 520. refract, 521. session, 522. multilateral

523. bi____l production *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
524. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
525. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
526. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
527. stock bu____k *n.* the act of buying back something that was previously sold, especially by a company purchasing its shares of stock; a refund or repurchase of a product or item
528. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
529. a political rev____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
530. tra____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
531. atmospheric me____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
532. of____t a loss *v.* to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence

ANSWERS: 523. biofuel, 524. reform, 525. backward, 526. backward, 527. buyback, 528. algae, 529. revolution, 530. transparency, 531. methane, 532. offset

533. not no____ly drink much

adv. usually; under normal conditions

534. untold de____r

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

ANSWERS: 533. normally, 534. despair

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.
n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
2. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
3. The fire left a layer of _____ on everything in the room.
n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
4. 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
5. The public schools _____ with federal standards.
v. to obey an order, set of rules, or request
6. 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

ANSWERS: 1. trunk, 2. victim, 3. soot, 4. economy, 5. comply, 6. invest

7. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
8. Most of the weather we experience occurs in the _____.
n. the lowest layer of the Earth's atmosphere, extending from the surface to about 7 to 20 kilometers, where the majority of weather occurs
9. 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
10. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.
n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
11. Strong growth in core business _____ losses in other business segments.
v. to compensate for or counterbalance one influence against an opposing influence
12. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
13. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
14. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 7. equivalent, 8. troposphere, 9. coal, 10. spite, 11. offsets, 12. ironic, 13. astonishing, 14. decide

15. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
16. 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
17. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
18. We _____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
19. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
20. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
21. 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
22. The company's new software is highly _____ allowing it to handle increasing number of users.
adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

ANSWERS: 15. floods, 16. nation, 17. freak, 18. aim, 19. claim, 20. absolute, 21. develop, 22. scalable,

23. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

24. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.

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

25. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

26. The boat drifted _____ and was carried away by the current.

adv. in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current

27. Please use the _____ to clean up the mess on the floor.

n. a space empty of matter; a device or tool used for cleaning or removing debris by creating suction

28. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved

29. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

30. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 23. surplus, 24. nonsense, 25. distress, 26. downstream, 27. vacuum, 28. feasible, 29. replace, 30. melted

31. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
32. _____ of abolishing the death penalty often argue that the alternative heaviest sentence should be life in prison.
- n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
33. The _____ on top of the factory released thick clouds of pollution into the air.
- n.* a vertical pipe or chimney, usually of brick or metal, through which smoke or exhaust gases from a fire or engine are discharged into the air
34. The Earth _____ around the Sun in an elliptical orbit.
- v.* to rotate around a central point
35. 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
36. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
37. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
38. The company has signed an _____ agreement with a supplier for five years.
- n.* the act of taking or extracting something, typically referring to the removal or withdrawal of a resource or product from a larger source or system

ANSWERS: 31. pun, 32. Advocates, 33. smokestack, 34. revolves, 35. methane, 36. creditor, 37. reform, 38. off-take

39. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

40. The president's _____ prevented the bill from becoming law.

n. the power or right to prevent a decision or law from being enacted or enforced, typically granted to a person in authority, such as a government official or a president

41. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

42. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

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

43. The company _____ him after several years of service.

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

45. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

46. The company _____ a portion of its profits to developing new products.

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

ANSWERS: 39. opportune, 40. veto, 41. lifted, 42. conflicts, 43. dumped, 44. obvious, 45. jail, 46. allocated

47. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.
n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
48. The government announced the _____ of the use of coal-fired power plants in response to environmental concerns
n. a gradual reduction in the activity, size, amount, or intensity of something, often related to the dismantling or elimination of a particular industry or practice
49. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
50. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
51. I received a _____ from the CEO outlining the new company policies.
n. a short written message or communication intended for internal use within an organization or company
52. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
v. to make something known or officially inform people about something
53. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
54. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 47. gravity, 48. phasedown, 49. ingenious, 50. convinced, 51. memo, 52. announced, 53. renewable, 54. Communal

55. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

56. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

57. 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

58. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

59. We had raised a small amount of money from investors, but funds were _____.

adj. not enough for a particular purpose

60. The _____ royal guard is highly skilled and fiercely loyal to him.

n. a king or ruler of an Islamic country or state, particularly in the Middle East; a title of respect for a Muslim ruler or leader

61. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

62. The _____ government is responsible for maintaining the roads and public transportation in the city.

adj. of or relating to a municipality, which is a small administrative division within a larger city or town

ANSWERS: 55. engaging, 56. fraud, 57. atmosphere, 58. straight, 59. insufficient, 60. sultan's, 61. installed, 62. municipal

63. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

64. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

65. The _____ of water produces oxygen and hydrogen.

- n.* a process or technique of chemical decomposition produced by passing an electric current through an ion-containing liquid or solution

66. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

67. He tried to _____ her into believing that she was the one who caused the argument.

- v.* to manipulate someone psychologically into doubting their perceptions and memories of events, typically to gain control over them or to make them question their own sanity; (noun) a type of lighting that was commonly used in the 19th and early 20th centuries, in which a flame burns within a glass globe to produce a steady light

68. The _____ culture heavily influences fashion trends in this country.

- adj.* relating to the countries or cultures of the western hemisphere or the western parts of the world, especially Europe and North America; opposite of oriental

69. 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

ANSWERS: 63. process, 64. quitter, 65. electrolysis, 66. backward, 67. gaslight, 68. occidental, 69. carbon

70. His colleagues highly valued his _____ approach to problem-solving.
adj. possessing a calm and rational attitude; able to make sound judgments and decisions, especially during times of stress or difficult situations
71. The company operates on a three-_____ pricing structure.
n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
72. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
73. The airplane was powered by a _____ made from plant-based materials.
n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
74. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
75. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.
n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
76. Parliament is now in _____.
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
77. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 70. level-headed, 71. tier, 72. reduction, 73. biofuel, 74. emissions, 75. loop, 76. session, 77. massive

78. 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

79. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

80. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.

- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

81. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.

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

82. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

83. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

84. The _____ heat made it difficult to sleep.

- adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

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

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

ANSWERS: 78. greenhouse, 79. suppose, 80. license, 81. revelation, 82. improvisation, 83. corruption, 84. unrelenting, 85. Doubt

86. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.

adv. not at all; no matter what

87. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

88. 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

89. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

90. His _____ upbringing left him with a limited view of the world beyond his hometown

adj. of or relating to a local government; having characteristics or views that are narrow in scope or limited by a narrow outlook

91. When customers _____ their reservations, they lose the deposit they made.

v. to decide that a previously scheduled activity will not take place

92. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

93. The main discussion topic is government _____.

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

ANSWERS: 86. whatsoever, 87. analyze, 88. responsible, 89. declines, 90. provincial, 91. cancel, 92. frame, 93. transparency

94. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.

- v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

95. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

96. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

97. The soldier's uniform had a _____ patch on the sleeve.

- n.* a V-shaped pattern of decorative lines or stripes found in various types of fabrics, such as tweed or herringbone; (of a military) a symbol worn on the sleeve or shoulder of a uniform to indicate rank or length of service consisting of one or more V-shaped stripes, with the number of stripes indicating the level of rank

98. The _____ of the sound waves determines the volume of the music.

- n.* the extent or magnitude of something; the volume or intensity of a sound wave or signal

99. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

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

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

ANSWERS: 94. subsidize, 95. reversed, 96. statistics, 97. chevron, 98. amplitude, 99. agency, 100. currency

101. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
102. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
103. 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
104. The morning sun _____ off the dew on the grass, creating a beautiful rainbow.
v. to bend or alter the direction of light, sound, or particles as they pass through different substances or mediums; to cause something to appear distorted or altered
105. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.
n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist
106. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
107. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
108. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 101. empowered, 102. accelerate, 103. inflation, 104. refracted, 105. denial, 106. transition, 107. industrious, 108. combine

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

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

110. 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

111. The government provided a considerable _____ to the company.

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

112. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

113. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

114. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

115. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

116. The _____ from the small country was not allowed to speak at the meeting.

n. a person sent or authorized to represent others, in particular, an elected representative sent to a conference; (verb) to transfer power to someone

ANSWERS: 109. colleague, 110. economical, 111. subsidy, 112. union, 113. release, 114. credible, 115. Emerging, 116. delegate

117. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.

- n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

118. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.

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

119. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.

- n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

120. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

- n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development

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

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

122. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

- n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

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

- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

124. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

- v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 117. oxygen, 118. temperatures, 119. Pole, 120. phase, 121. resist, 122. faith, 123. mentioned, 124. scanned

125. Lost mobile phones lead to another potential _____ regarding privacy.

n. something dangerous and likely to cause damage

126. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

127. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

128. She _____ ignored the warnings and continued to drive recklessly.

adv. behaving or acting in a bold, shameless, or audacious manner; without inhibition or regard for social conventions or consequences

129. As a _____ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

n. a person who pays taxes to the government

130. The company can _____ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

131. Congress passed a law to _____ the disposal of nuclear waste.

v. to officially stop something from being done or used, especially by enforcing the law

132. I need to _____ out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

ANSWERS: 125. hazard, 126. opposition, 127. excludes, 128. brazenly, 129. taxpayer, 130. remotely, 131. prohibit, 132. tire

133. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

134. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

135. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

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

136. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

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

137. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

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

138. He studied the _____ of radiation.

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

139. The company's _____ of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.

n. the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

140. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.

adv. in a very impressive manner

ANSWERS: 133. Atlantic, 134. sliver, 135. expand, 136. impressive, 137. discuss, 138. physics, 139. disclosure, 140. dramatically

141. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.

- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

142. The media exposed the politician's _____.

- n.* a statement or belief that is untrue, often intentionally deceptive or misleading

143. The company announced a quarterly _____ of \$0.50 per share.

- n.* a sum of money paid regularly, typically quarterly, by a company to its shareholders out of its profits or reserves

144. The _____ of the device was immediately apparent to all who saw it.

- n.* the state or quality of being useful or convenient; the service, such as electric power or water or transportation, provided by a public

145. Fact-checkers quickly exposed the politician's _____ lie.

- adj.* completely obvious, often offensively or inappropriately; characterized by shameless or brazen behavior

146. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

147. Smoke from forest fires is causing an increase in _____ matter in the air.

- adj.* consisting of small particles, especially those that are suspended in a fluid or air

148. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 141. deployed, 142. falsehoods, 143. dividend, 144. utility, 145. blatant, 146. highway, 147. particulate, 148. graph

149. 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

150. Our company is committed to increasing _____ value.

- n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a company or business and therefore gets the company's profit and has the right to control the company

151. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally

152. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

153. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

154. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

155. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

- adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner

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

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 149. electrify, 150. shareholder, 151. murder, 152. feat, 153. moral, 154. vulnerable, 155. consciously, 156. ignored

157. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

158. The city is upgrading its _____ system to prevent flooding during heavy rain.

n. an underground system of pipes used to carry away sewage and wastewater

159. The smoke from the fire was blowing _____ towards the nearby town.

adv. in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

160. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

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

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

adv. usually; under normal conditions

162. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

163. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

164. Many companies engage in _____ to appeal to environmentally conscious consumers without actually making significant changes to their products or practices.

n. the practice of making deceptive or exaggerated claims about the environmental benefits of a product or service to appeal to eco-conscious consumers

ANSWERS: 157. compromised, 158. sewer, 159. downwind, 160. capture, 161. normally, 162. genuine, 163. plow, 164. greenwashing

165. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
166. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
167. 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
168. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
169. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
170. I found a stink _____ crawling across the ceiling.
n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
171. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
172. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
adv. without needing a direct human control
173. Our interest began to _____ sharply.
v. to move or develop so slowly that you are behind other people, organizations, etc.

ANSWERS: 165. invasion, 166. fuel, 167. seize, 168. lobby, 169. gigantic, 170. bug, 171. excited, 172. automatically, 173. lag

174. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

- v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

175. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.

- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

176. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.

- n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

177. We had a _____ time yesterday.

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

178. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

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

179. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

180. She expressed her _____ towards the kind stranger who helped her.

- n.* the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

181. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

182. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

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

ANSWERS: 174. appointed, 175. battery, 176. vegetation, 177. tremendous, 178. Congress, 179. calm, 180. gratitude, 181. technique, 182. trillion

183. 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

184. He threatened to reveal the secret, using it as _____.

- n.* the act of demanding money or something else in return for not revealing embarrassing or damaging information

185. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost

186. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

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

187. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

- n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

188. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.

- n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

189. 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

190. He has earned _____ praise for his achievement.

- adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive

ANSWERS: 183. drought, 184. blackmail, 185. trace, 186. slide, 187. legislation, 188. mandate, 189. despair, 190. lavish

191. Her research team made an important _____.

- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

192. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

193. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.

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

194. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.

- n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

195. We need to _____ the image to fit properly on the website.

- v.* to alter the scale or size of something, typically by making it larger or smaller; to adjust, calibrate, or standardize something to a new or different level or value

196. The crime scene was _____ and gruesome.

- adj.* covered in or smeared with blood; involving or characterized by bloodshed or brutality

197. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

198. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

- v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

ANSWERS: 191. discovery, 192. environment, 193. committed, 194. secretary, 195. rescale, 196. bloody, 197. incredible, 198. sequester

199. The store's _____ program allowed customers to trade in their old electronics for store credit.

- n.* the act of buying back something that was previously sold, especially by a company purchasing its shares of stock; a refund or repurchase of a product or item

200. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

201. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.

- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

202. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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

203. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

204. She _____ her parents to let her go to the concert.

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

205. This business yields little _____.

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

206. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.

- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

ANSWERS: 199. buyback, 200. resilient, 201. fossil, 202. revolution, 203. amazing, 204. begged, 205. profit, 206. pollution

207. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

208. 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

209. The _____ and the oxygen react and then form water.

n. the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

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

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

211. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

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

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

213. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

214. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 207. cruel, 208. multilateral, 209. hydrogen, 210. excuse, 211. improve, 212. commitments, 213. cliché, 214. screaming

215. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

216. The concentrated _____ was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

217. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

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

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

adv. at the same time

219. Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the _____ ending.

adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

220. 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

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

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

222. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

ANSWERS: 215. regarded, 216. downpour, 217. doe, 218. simultaneously, 219. open-ended, 220. planet, 221. Climate, 222. satellite

223. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

224. The idea that aliens built the pyramids is _____.

- adj.* absurd, ridiculous, or contrary to reason or common sense

225. 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

226. The _____ of human thought is diverse.

- n.* the range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions, or a subject that

227. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.

- v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something

228. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

- adj.* intense or scorching heat

229. The _____ character in the movie enjoyed inflicting pain on others for pleasure.

- adj.* deriving pleasure from inflicting pain, suffering, or humiliation on others; cruel and brutal in a way that causes others to suffer

230. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 223. pretensions, 224. preposterous, 225. progression, 226. scope, 227. pledge, 228. burning, 229. sadistic, 230. Industrial

231. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
- n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
232. The scientist's findings were considered _____ in the field of physics.
- adj.* having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience
233. They have no _____ to win the game.
- n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
234. The _____ in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.
- n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
235. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.
- adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
236. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
- adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
237. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
238. You can _____ any obstacle in your path with determination and hard work.
- v.* to overcome or conquer a difficulty, obstacle, or challenge; to rise above or be victorious over something

ANSWERS: 231. Policymakers, 232. authoritative, 233. incentive, 234. mercury, 235. sincere, 236. publicly, 237. Agriculture, 238. surmount

239. The team's performance was _____ and left the coach feeling disappointed.

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

240. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

241. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

242. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

243. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

244. 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

245. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

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

ANSWERS: 239. pathetic, 240. junk, 241. worthless, 242. breakthroughs, 243. shell, 244. bombs, 245. policy

246. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

247. 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

248. 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

249. The hospital has _____ equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.

adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge

250. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

251. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

252. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

253. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

ANSWERS: 246. definition, 247. government, 248. crisis, 249. state-of-the-art, 250. pipeline, 251. Algae, 252. collaboration, 253. hike

254. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

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

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

256. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

257. Winning the lottery was an unexpected _____ for him.

n. an unexpected benefit or advantage, especially a large profit or gain

258. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

259. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

260. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat

261. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

262. The _____ of renewable energy sources is crucial for the future of our planet.

n. the act or process of using something effectively or productively; the extent to which something is used

ANSWERS: 254. polluted, 255. rolled, 256. Grid, 257. windfall, 258. consequences, 259. giant, 260. chip, 261. obstacle, 262. utilization

263. We store customer data in cloud _____.

- n.* the act or process of putting in and keeping something in a particular place for use in the future; an electronic memory device that can store information

264. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.

- v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

265. I must fill my car with _____ before going on a long road trip.

- n.* a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America

266. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

267. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

ANSWERS: 263. storage, 264. disguised, 265. petrol, 266. suffers, 267. president