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Session 1: Word List

pare

v. to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements

synonym: trim, shave, reduce

(1) **pare** an apple, (2) **pare** back wasteful spending

I must **pare** down my wardrobe and donate some of my clothes to charity.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

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.

pound

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

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

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

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

fundamentalist

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

synonym: extremist, zealot, hardliner

(1) **fundamentalist** church, (2) political **fundamentalist**

He is a religious **fundamentalist** and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

assassin

n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money

synonym: killer, manslayer

(1) fall victim to an **assassin**, (2) would-be **assassin**

She hired an **assassin** to kill her opponent.

provoke

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

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

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

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

salvation

n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

synonym: rescue, deliverance, redemption

(1) **salvation** army, (2) the **salvation** of the individual soul
For many, the church was the only source of **salvation** in harsh times.

denounce

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

synonym: condemn, disapprove, criticize

(1) **denounce** a statement, (2) **denounce** a heresy

He **denounced** the actions of the corrupt official.

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.

biology

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

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

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

eject

v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

synonym: discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

identify

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

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

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

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

the malfunction.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

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

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

tide

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

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

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

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

extremism

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

synonym: fanaticism, radicalism, zealotry

(1) violent **extremism**, (2) political **extremism**

The rise of far-right **extremism** has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

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.

ridiculous

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

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

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

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

fatwa

n. a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues

synonym: edict, ruling, decree

(1) **fatwa** decree, (2) religious **fatwa**

The religious leader issued a **fatwa** condemning the violent actions.

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.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

attendant

n. a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant

synonym : assistant, aide, guide

(1) flight **attendant**, (2) personal **attendant**

The **attendant** at the parking lot directed me to an available parking spot

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

subsequent

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

synonym : later, following, ensuing

(1) over **subsequent** months, (2) reduce **subsequent** mortality

In the **subsequent** meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

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.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym : brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

terrorism

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

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

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

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

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.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

peasant

n. a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

synonym: farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company

My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym: critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

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.

entitle

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

synonym: allow, permit, enable

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

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

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym: example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

jihad

n. a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

synonym : struggle, holy war, crusade

(1) **jihad** of knowledge, (2) nonviolent **jihad**

Many scholars argue that the true meaning of **jihad** is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.

unarmed

adj. without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons

synonym : defenseless, vulnerable, helpless

(1) **unarmed** combat, (2) **unarmed** robbery

The **unarmed** protesters marched peacefully through the streets.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym : challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against

their wishes.

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym: combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

condone

v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

synonym: excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

grievance

n. a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment

synonym : complaint, grudge, injustice

(1) file a **grievance**, (2) a minor **grievance**

She had a legitimate **grievance** with her employer over unequal pay.

staunch

adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

synonym : strong, loyal, firm

(1) **staunch** conviction, (2) **staunch** opponent

She was a **staunch** supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym : adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

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.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

toll

n. money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

synonym : fee, cost, expense

(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death

There is no **toll** car park nearby.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

- cite** v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
synonym : quote, mention, note
(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence
The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.
- 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.
- sociologist** n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**
Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
- religion** n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
synonym : faith, creed, belief
(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**
Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- tradition** n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
synonym : custom, practice, ritual
(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**
It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- movement** n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the

process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

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

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

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

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

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

politic

adj. wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

synonym: wise, tactful, expedient

(1) a **politic** decision, (2) heal the body **politic**

She was **politic** in her behavior.

theology

n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief

synonym: divinity, religion, faith

(1) **theology** student, (2) a college of **theology**

The professor specialized in the **theology** of the early church.

monolith

n. a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance

synonym: monument, megalith, slab

(1) metal **monolith**, (2) towering **monolith**

The art exhibit featured a massive **monolith** sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.

diversity

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

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

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

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

interrelated

adj. closely connected or related to each other

synonym: connected, related, interdependent

(1) the **interrelated** nature of the problems, (2) **interrelated** factors

The different parts of the system are **interrelated** and rely on each other to function correctly.

nongovernmental

adj. not belonging to or controlled by a government

synonym : private, non-public, non-state

(1) **nongovernmental** aid worker, (2) **nongovernmental** agency

The **nongovernmental** organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym : fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

conservative

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

synonym : traditional, reactionary, cautious

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

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

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

preserve

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

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

adherent

n. a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

synonym : follower, supporter, believer

(1) an **adherent** of the ideology, (2) non- **adherent** cell
He was a devout **adherent** of the religion.

purport

v. to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication

synonym : claim, allege, assert

(1) **purport** to answer the question, (2) the main **purport** of his speech

The document **purports** to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.

offensive

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

synonym : disrespectful, abusive, attacking

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

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

feminist

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

synonym : egalitarian

(1) **feminist** movement, (2) **feminist** perspective

The **feminist** ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

oppose

v. to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening

synonym : match, resist, confront

(1) **oppose** a decision, (2) publicly **oppose**

I strongly **oppose** the new proposed law that would harm our environment.

grassroots

adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group

synonym : fundamental, major, elemental

(1) a **grassroots** movement for nuclear disarmament,

(2) the **grassroots** factor in making the decision

The feeling among the company's **grassroots** is that the CEO is not radical enough.

refusal

n. the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym : denial, rejection, turndown

(1) meet with a **refusal**, (2) **refusal** of inspection

She gave a firm **refusal**.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

shout-out

n. a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media

synonym : acknowledgment, recognition

(1) **shout-out** message, (2) social media **shout-out**

I want to give a **shout-out** to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

violation

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

synonym : breach, transgression, infraction

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

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

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

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.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

purveyor

n. a person or company that provides goods or services

synonym : steward, supplier

(1) a local **purveyor**, (2) a **purveyor** to the army

This company is the world's largest **purveyor** of caviar.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

curtail

v. to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

synonym : restrict, limit, cut back

(1) **curtail** spending, (2) **curtail** freedom

Due to budget constraints, the company had to **curtail** its marketing campaign for the new product.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

all-out

adj. characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with

great commitment or enthusiasm

synonym: full-scale, maximum, complete

(1) **all-out** war, (2) **all-out** commitment

He gave it his **all-out** effort in the race and won first place.

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

synonym: discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art

Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

encounter

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

synonym: meet, run into, come across

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

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

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

acknowledge

- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help
He never **acknowledged** his fault.

apologize

- v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym: improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor
The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

grave

- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym: tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym: chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

synonym : studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

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.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow
We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

festival

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

synonym: fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**
The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

venue

n. a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

synonym: location, site, arena

(1) **venue** capacity, (2) wedding **venue**
The concert **venue** was packed with excited fans.

injury

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

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**
My accidental **injury** got better right away.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**
She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

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**.

bow

v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows

synonym: bend, curve, arch

(1) **bow** and greet, (2) a **bow** wave

She **bowed** to the audience after her performance.

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.

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

stalwart

n. a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate

synonym: supporter, loyalist, champion

(1) **stalwart** member, (2) loyal **stalwart**

She relied on her **stalwart** friend for support during tough times.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

systematic

adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

synonym : periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany

Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym : end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

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**.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

grammar

n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

synonym : syntax, elements

(1) **grammar** checker, (2) Latin **grammar**

Mastering **grammar** takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.

buffalo

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

synonym : bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak

The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

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.

exhale

v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

synonym : breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke

He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym: clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

headline

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

synonym: title, caption

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

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

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

prosecutor

n. a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

synonym : district attorney, state attorney

(1) a public **prosecutor**, (2) deputy **prosecutor**

The **prosecutor's** opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

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.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

bodyguard

n. a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

synonym : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym : bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym : push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

bravado

n. a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

synonym : boldness, swagger, arrogance

(1) lose my **bravado**, (2) heroic **bravado**

The show of **bravado** by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.

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.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

synonym : enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

mall

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

synonym : shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
synonym : raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

atrocities

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
synonym : evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocities**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocities**

The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

advocacy

n. the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

synonym : support, promotion, defense

(1) **advocacy** group, (2) consumer **advocacy** group

The group engages in **advocacy** through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

institute

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

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym : swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

disaffection

n. a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system

synonym : alienation, estrangement, dissatisfaction

(1) public **disaffection**, (2) **disaffection** among workers

The government's policies have caused widespread **disaffection** among the citizens.

tournament

n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

synonym : competition, championship, contest

(1) **tournament** for professionals, (2) national **tournament**

The basketball **tournament** was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

ostracize

v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

synonym : exclude, shun, isolate

(1) **ostracize** individual, (2) **ostracize** group

His peers **ostracized** him for his controversial beliefs.

imam

n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community

synonym : leader, cleric, spiritual guide

(1) **imam** of mosque, (2) spiritual **imam**

In some Muslim countries, the **imam's** position is appointed by the government.

infidel

n. a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

synonym : unbeliever, pagan, gentile

(1) the war against the **infidel**, (2) convert **infidel**

The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called **infidel** invaders from the north.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works

of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

extremist

n. a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

synonym: radical, fanatic, zealot

(1) **extremist** political views, (2) radical **extremist**

The **extremist** group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

checkpoint

n. a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check

(1) **checkpoint** security, (2) military **checkpoint**

The airport security **checkpoint** was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher

place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

fathomable

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

synonym : understandable, comprehensible, intelligible

(1) **fathomable** explanation, (2) **fathomable** solution

The scientific theories presented in the book were **fathomable** even to non-experts.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

synonym : anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**

Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

bin

n. a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste

synonym: container, trunk, garbage can

(1) a waste **bin**, (2) mail **bin**

You can open the overhead **bin** after landing.

laden

adj. heavily loaded or burdened

synonym: loaded, weighed down, heavy

(1) a **laden** ship, (2) water- **laden** soil

The traffic- **laden** street was gridlocked during rush hour, with cars moving at a snail's pace.

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.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fat_____le explanation *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
2. sh_____ut message *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
3. a gra_____ts movement for nuclear disarmament *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
4. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
5. spiritual i__m *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
6. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
7. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
8. unr_____ng pressure *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

ANSWERS: 1. fathomable, 2. shout-out, 3. grassroots, 4. diversity, 5. imam, 6. threaten, 7. tip, 8. unrelenting

9. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
10. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
11. ej__t huge amounts of pollutant *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
12. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
13. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
14. public education ad_____tes *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
15. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
16. Ar____c cuisine *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
17. fe_____st movement *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

ANSWERS: 9. struggle, 10. definition, 11. eject, 12. sociologist, 13. acknowledge, 14. advocate, 15. relation, 16. Arabic, 17. feminist

18. he____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
19. excessive op____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
20. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
21. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
22. a di____se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
23. pr____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
24. pr____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
25. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
26. publicly op____e *v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
27. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
28. a con____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

ANSWERS: 18. heritage, 19. optimist, 20. flaw, 21. creative, 22. discourse, 23. promote, 24. privilege, 25. surround, 26. oppose, 27. ignore, 28. conservative

29. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
30. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
31. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
32. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
33. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
34. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
35. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
36. mi_____nt nations *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
37. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
38. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 29. tradition, 30. headline, 31. negotiation, 32. motto, 33. fortune, 34. survey, 35. terrify, 36. militant, 37. democracy, 38. grave

39. wedding ve__e *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
40. te_____sm against civilians *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
41. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
42. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
43. break with pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
44. fa__a decree *n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
45. loyal st_____rt *n.* a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate
46. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
47. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 39. venue, 40. terrorism, 41. culminate, 42. motto, 43. precedent, 44. fatwa, 45. stalwart, 46. tip, 47. assume

48. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
49. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
50. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
51. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
52. m__l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
53. religious fa__a *n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
54. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
55. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
56. a bad pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
57. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 48. legitimate, 49. iceberg, 50. sponsor, 51. government, 52. mall, 53. fatwa, 54. criticism, 55. competition, 56. precedent, 57. hometown

58. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
59. a fatal in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
60. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
61. convert in____l *n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith
62. bu____o horn *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
63. nonviolent ji__d *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
64. i__m of mosque *n.* a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
65. lose my br____o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere

ANSWERS: 58. mosque, 59. injury, 60. survey, 61. infidel, 62. buffalo, 63. jihad, 64. imam, 65. bravado

66. anti-te_____sm bill *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
67. de____t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
68. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
69. cu_____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
70. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
71. three-year-old ne____w *n.* a son of your brother or sister
72. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
73. public dis_____ion *n.* a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system
74. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
75. a waste b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
76. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
77. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 66. terrorism, 67. defeat, 68. silent, 69. culminate, 70. ridiculous, 71. nephew, 72. religion, 73. disaffection, 74. threat, 75. bin, 76. scholar, 77. religion

78. un___d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
79. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
80. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
81. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
82. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
83. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
84. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
85. non_____tal agency *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
86. political ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
87. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
88. st_____rt member *n.* a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate

ANSWERS: 78. untold, 79. violent, 80. victim, 81. decide, 82. obvious, 83. sociologist, 84. applause, 85. nongovernmental, 86. extremism, 87. breath, 88. stalwart

89. computer op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
90. nieces and ne____ws *n.* a son of your brother or sister
91. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
92. un_____d combat *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
93. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
94. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
95. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
96. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
97. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 89. opponent, 90. nephew, 91. promote, 92. unarmed, 93. brotherhood, 94. context, 95. embrace, 96. iceberg, 97. introduction

98. un_____d robbery *adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
99. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
100. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
101. ex_____e cigarette smoke *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
102. dis_____ate against women employees *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
103. pe_____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
104. carpentry wo_____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
105. a sys_____ic reformation *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
106. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
107. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

ANSWERS: 98. unarmed, 99. decision, 100. opponent, 101. exhale, 102. discriminate, 103. peaceful, 104. workshop, 105. systematic, 106. harsh, 107. schedule

108. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
109. c__e a fact as evidence *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
110. the th____l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
111. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
112. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
113. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
114. file a gr_____ce *n.* a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
115. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
116. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 108. relation, 109. cite, 110. thrill, 111. discriminate, 112. peaceful, 113. accord, 114. grievance, 115. decision, 116. perpetrator

117. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
118. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
119. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
120. vi_____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
121. una_____bly poor *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
122. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
123. a local pu____or *n.* a person or company that provides goods or services
124. an Imperial ma____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
125. ve__e capacity *n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed
126. VIP bo_____rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
127. ji__d of knowledge *n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle

ANSWERS: 117. define, 118. defeat, 119. announce, 120. violation, 121. unacceptably, 122. grief, 123. purveyor, 124. mandate, 125. venue, 126. bodyguard, 127. jihad

128. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
129. a heavy sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
130. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
131. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
132. towering mo_____th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
133. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
134. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
135. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 128. vast, 129. schedule, 130. desperately, 131. pound, 132. monolith, 133. manipulate, 134. diversity, 135. threat

136. meet with a re____l *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
137. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
138. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
139. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
140. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
141. assume the of____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
142. the sa____on of the individual soul *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
143. re____l of inspection *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
144. without in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
145. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
146. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 136. refusal, 137. boom, 138. firm, 139. largely, 140. poverty, 141. offensive, 142. salvation, 143. refusal, 144. injury, 145. simultaneously, 146. firm

147. a b_w wave *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
148. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
149. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
150. s__y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
151. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
152. the main pu_____t of his speech *v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
153. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
154. op_____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
155. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 147. bow, 148. tradition, 149. provoke, 150. sway, 151. poverty, 152. purport, 153. identify, 154. optimist, 155. ancestor

156. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
157. a to____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
158. ej__t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
159. pol____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
160. improved student ou____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
161. the threats te____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
162. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
163. di____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
164. co____e the behavior *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
165. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
166. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
167. an____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
168. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 156. poet, 157. torture, 158. eject, 159. politically, 160. outcome, 161. terrify, 162. tide, 163. disappear, 164. condone, 165. government, 166. communal, 167. announce, 168. fin

169. violent ex_____sm *n.* the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable
170. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
171. the gra_____ts factor in making the decision *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
172. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
173. bu___t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
174. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
175. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
176. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
177. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
178. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
179. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
180. avoid ste_____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

ANSWERS: 169. extremism, 170. strike, 171. grassroots, 172. unfortunately, 173. bullet, 174. pregnant, 175. intellect, 176. defy, 177. peer, 178. largely, 179. define, 180. stereotype

181. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
182. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
183. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
184. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
185. as_____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
186. exploited pe_____t *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
187. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
188. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (*v.*) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
189. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (*n.*) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

ANSWERS: 181. biology, 182. amazing, 183. preserve, 184. recruit, 185. assume, 186. peasant, 187. doe, 188. institute, 189. urge

190. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
191. ho____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
192. hold di_____se with him *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
193. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
194. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
195. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
196. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
197. ch___f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
198. the f___w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
199. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
200. water-la___n soil *adj.* heavily loaded or burdened

ANSWERS: 190. achieve, 191. hometown, 192. discourse, 193. strike, 194. untold, 195. ideology, 196. thrill, 197. chief, 198. flaw, 199. environment, 200. laden

201. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
202. cu_____l spending *v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
203. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
204. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
205. foreign po___y *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
206. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
207. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
208. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
209. sa_____on army *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

ANSWERS: 201. accord, 202. curtail, 203. inherent, 204. exposition, 205. policy, 206. resort, 207. conclude, 208. flee, 209. salvation

210. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
211. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
212. co_____t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
213. the war against the in_____l *n.* a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith
214. de_____ce a statement *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
215. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
216. t___e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
217. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
218. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
219. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
220. national tou_____nt *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

ANSWERS: 210. entitle, 211. threaten, 212. commit, 213. infidel, 214. denounce, 215. inherent, 216. tide, 217. overlook, 218. aim, 219. entitle, 220. tournament

221. fe_____al attendee	<i>n.</i> a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
222. a desirable ou_____e	<i>n.</i> the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
223. needs of pr_____nt women	<i>adj.</i> having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
224. round of ap_____se	<i>n.</i> a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
225. the ou_____rt of the forest	<i>n.</i> the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
226. leg_____te question	<i>adj.</i> accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
227. have gr__f and sorrow	<i>n.</i> a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
228. pr_____e a disease	<i>v.</i> to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
229. 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
230. ch__f accountant	<i>adj.</i> most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
231. a college of th_____gy	<i>n.</i> the study of the nature of God and religious belief
232. co___t suicide	<i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong
233. env_____nt affairs	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 221. festival, 222. outcome, 223. pregnant, 224. applause, 225. outskirts, 226. legitimate, 227. grief, 228. provoke, 229. bomb, 230. chief, 231. theology, 232. commit, 233. environment

234. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
235. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
236. a warm em____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
237. an international exp____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
238. political fun____ist *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline
239. bu____t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
240. largest electronic m____l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
241. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
242. co____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
243. a m____s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
244. ad____te parking facilities *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

ANSWERS: 234. extreme, 235. creative, 236. embrace, 237. exposition, 238. fundamentalist, 239. bullet, 240. mall, 241. surround, 242. confront, 243. mass, 244. adequate

245. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
246. ex___e a big sigh *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
247. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
248. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
249. Latin gr_____r *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
250. military che_____nt *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
251. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
252. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
253. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
254. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 245. perpetrator, 246. exhale, 247. flee, 248. odds, 249. grammar, 250. checkpoint, 251. refuse, 252. primary, 253. politically, 254. intellect

255. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
256. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
257. pr____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
258. mail b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
259. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
260. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
261. vulnerable to man____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
262. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
263. os____ze individual *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

ANSWERS: 255. sway, 256. biology, 257. primary, 258. bin, 259. scholar, 260. defy, 261. manipulate, 262. amazing, 263. ostracize

264. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
265. t__l a bell at his death *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
266. commit a traffic vi_____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
267. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
268. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
269. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
270. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
271. heroic br_____o *n.* a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
272. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

ANSWERS: 264. institute, 265. toll, 266. violation, 267. extreme, 268. movement, 269. preserve, 270. critic, 271. bravado, 272. workshop

273. mu___r in the second degree	<i>n.</i> the crime of killing somebody intentionally
274. o__s in favor	<i>n.</i> the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
275. a rid_____us amount of money	<i>adj.</i> very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
276. st_____le against discrimination	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
277. cu_____l freedom	<i>v.</i> to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end
278. would-be as_____in	<i>n.</i> a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
279. the members of a military tr__p	<i>n.</i> a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
280. back f_n	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
281. th_____gy student	<i>n.</i> the study of the nature of God and religious belief
282. severe cr___c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
283. domed mo___e	<i>n.</i> a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

ANSWERS: 273. murder, 274. odds, 275. ridiculous, 276. struggle, 277. curtail, 278. assassin, 279. troop, 280. fin, 281. theology, 282. critic, 283. mosque

284. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
285. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
286. re_____e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
287. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
288. radical ex_____st *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
289. fe_____st perspective *adj.* describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women
290. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
291. false cl___m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
292. non-ad_____nt cell *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

ANSWERS: 284. destroy, 285. unacceptably, 286. refuse, 287. ancestor, 288. extremist, 289. feminist, 290. whatsoever, 291. claim, 292. adherent

293. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
294. pu____t to answer the question *v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
295. the int____ted nature of the problems *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
296. bit of good fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
297. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
298. health po____y *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
299. reduce sub____nt mortality *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
300. di____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
301. an ad____nt of the ideology *n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something
302. an instrument of to____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

ANSWERS: 293. weep, 294. purport, 295. interrelated, 296. fortune, 297. communal, 298. policy, 299. subsequent, 300. disappear, 301. adherent, 302. torture

303. spirit of bro_____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
304. provide ad_____te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
305. hold your br____h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
306. c__e various authorities *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened
307. dis_____ion among workers *n.* a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system
308. a po_____c decision *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
309. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
310. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
311. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

ANSWERS: 303. brotherhood, 304. adequate, 305. breath, 306. cite, 307. disaffection, 308. politic, 309. upward, 310. democracy, 311. mandate

312. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
313. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
314. commit at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
315. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
316. pe____t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
317. ex_____st political views *n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
318. over sub_____nt months *adj.* happening or occurring later or after something else
319. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
320. tou_____nt for professionals *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
321. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
322. a pu_____or to the army *n.* a person or company that provides goods or services

ANSWERS: 312. destroy, 313. auditorium, 314. atrocity, 315. negotiation, 316. peasant, 317. extremist, 318. subsequent, 319. aim, 320. tournament, 321. victim, 322. purveyor

323. metal mo____th *n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
324. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
325. cr____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
326. elite bo____rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
327. sp____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
328. an of____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense
329. int____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 323. monolith, 324. spirit, 325. criticism, 326. bodyguard, 327. sponsor, 328. offensive, 329. introduction

330. look up___d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
331. fall victim to an as_____in *n.* a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
332. consumer ad_____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
333. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
334. a public pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
335. che_____nt security *n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
336. personal at_____nt *n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
337. al_____t war *adj.* characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 330. upward, 331. assassin, 332. advocacy, 333. overcome, 334. prosecutor, 335. checkpoint, 336. attendant, 337. all-out

338. ac____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
339. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
340. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
341. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
342. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
343. os_____ze group *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
344. unr_____ng pursuit *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
345. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 338. achieve, 339. conservative, 340. Arabic, 341. grave, 342. ignore, 343. ostracize, 344. unrelenting, 345. encounter

346. deputy pro_____or *n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government
347. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
348. a minor gr_____ce *n.* a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
349. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
350. a mi_____nt reformer *n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
351. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
352. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
353. op___e a decision *v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
354. gr_____r checker *n.* the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words

ANSWERS: 346. prosecutor, 347. recruit, 348. grievance, 349. troop, 350. militant, 351. overcome, 352. doe, 353. oppose, 354. grammar

355. st____h opponent *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
356. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
357. ad____cy group *n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying
358. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
359. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
360. on the western ou____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
361. a la__n ship *adj.* heavily loaded or burdened
362. negative ste____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
363. inv____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
364. fun____ist church *n.* a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

ANSWERS: 355. staunch, 356. movement, 357. advocacy, 358. pound, 359. identify, 360. outskirts, 361. laden, 362. stereotype, 363. investigate, 364. fundamentalist

365. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
366. co_____e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
367. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
368. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
369. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
370. an ad_____te of disarmament *n.* a person who supports or suggests an idea, development, or way of doing something
371. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
372. b_w and greet *v.* to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
373. heal the body po_____c *adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions
374. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

ANSWERS: 365. urge, 366. condone, 367. peer, 368. bomb, 369. headline, 370. advocate, 371. decide, 372. bow, 373. politic, 374. atrocity

375. fat_____le solution *adj.* able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth
376. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
377. si____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
378. re____t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
379. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
380. flight at_____nt *n.* a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
381. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
382. open-air aud_____um *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
383. non_____tal aid worker *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
384. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

ANSWERS: 375. fathomable, 376. encounter, 377. silent, 378. resort, 379. mass, 380. attendant, 381. whatsoever, 382. auditorium, 383. nongovernmental, 384. ideology

385. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
386. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
387. p__e an apple *v.* to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements
388. al_____t commitment *adj.* characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm
389. p__e back wasteful spending *v.* to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements
390. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
391. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 385. investigate, 386. claim, 387. pare, 388. all-out, 389. pare, 390. competition, 391. context

392. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
393. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
394. int____ted factors *adj.* closely connected or related to each other
395. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
396. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
397. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
398. a t__l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
399. take several inputs sim____sly *adv.* at the same time
400. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
401. social media sh____ut *n.* a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
402. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
403. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 392. heritage, 393. obvious, 394. interrelated, 395. weep, 396. overlook, 397. vast, 398. toll, 399. simultaneously, 400. poet, 401. shout-out, 402. boom, 403. privilege

404. bu____o steak *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
405. st____h conviction *adj.* firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute
406. international film fe____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
407. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
408. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
409. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
410. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
411. muscular st____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
412. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 404. buffalo, 405. staunch, 406. festival, 407. definition, 408. acknowledge, 409. desperately, 410. apologize, 411. strength, 412. spirit

413. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
414. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
415. co____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
416. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
417. sys_____ic botany *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
418. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
419. de____ce a heresy *v.* to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone
420. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
421. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
422. co____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 413. murder, 414. strength, 415. confront, 416. harsh, 417. systematic, 418. unfortunately, 419. denounce, 420. violent, 421. apologize, 422. conclude

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
2. 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
3. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would ____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
4. Red ____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
5. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.
adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
6. Science is based on the _____ classification of experience.
adj. done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
7. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.
n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
8. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
9. The parents refused to _____ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.
v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

ANSWERS: 1. religion, 2. doe, 3. weep, 4. tide, 5. unacceptably, 6. systematic, 7. ideology, 8. provoked, 9. condone

10. Many people go to the shopping _____ to socialize and spend time with friends.

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

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

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

12. This argument is still not _____.

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

13. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

14. _____ 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

15. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

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

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

17. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

ANSWERS: 10. mall, 11. violent, 12. adequate, 13. fins, 14. Advocates, 15. bullet, 16. context, 17. manipulate

18. Mastering _____ takes a lot of time for those learning a foreign language.
n. the set of structural constraints on speakers' or writers' composition of clauses, phrases, and words
19. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
20. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
21. 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
22. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.
n. any form of communication in speech or writing
23. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
24. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
25. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 18. grammar, 19. boom, 20. criticism, 21. bombs, 22. discourse, 23. unfortunately, 24. defeat, 25. terrify

26. The _____ roam freely in the plains of North America.
n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
27. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
28. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.
n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
29. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
30. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
31. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.
n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
32. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
33. My accidental _____ got better right away.
n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

ANSWERS: 26. buffalo, 27. legitimate, 28. Mosque, 29. untold, 30. exposition, 31. schedule, 32. ignored, 33. injury

34. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
- n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
35. The _____ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.
- n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
36. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.
- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
37. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
38. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
39. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
40. I _____ for neglecting your email.
- v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
41. He gave it his _____ effort in the race and won first place.
- adj.* characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 34. perpetrator, 35. brotherhood, 36. Arabic, 37. identify, 38. tradition, 39. introduction, 40. apologize, 41. all-out

42. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
43. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
44. You can open the overhead _____ after landing.
n. a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
45. The professor specialized in the _____ of the early church.
n. the study of the nature of God and religious belief
46. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
47. I want to give a _____ to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.
n. a public expression of appreciation or acknowledgment, often given to an individual or group of people, typically used in social media, advertising, or broadcast media
48. The feeling among the company's _____ is that the CEO is not radical enough.
adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
49. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

ANSWERS: 42. relations, 43. tips, 44. bin, 45. theology, 46. optimist, 47. shout-out, 48. grassroots, 49. negotiation

50. I must _____ down my wardrobe and donate some of my clothes to charity.

- v.* to trim or cut away the outer edges or excess of something, often about physical objects or figurative concepts; to reduce or simplify something to its most essential or crucial elements

51. The _____ opening statement set the tone for the entire trial.

- n.* a lawyer or official who conducts legal proceedings against someone accused of a crime; a person who brings a criminal case to court on behalf of the state or government

52. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

53. My initial reaction was to _____.

- v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

54. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

- n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

55. The woods _____ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

56. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

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

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

ANSWERS: 50. pare, 51. prosecutor's, 52. peer, 53. refuse, 54. torture, 55. embrace, 56. strength, 57. conservative

58. The _____ ideals of inclusivity and diversity are important in creating a more just and equal world.

adj. describing a belief in and advocacy for achieving gender equality in social, political, and economic spheres; advocating for the rights and empowerment of women; (noun) a person who believes in and advocates for gender equality between men and women

59. She vacated the position when she got _____.

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

60. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

61. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

62. His peers _____ him for his controversial beliefs.

v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

63. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

64. In the _____ meeting, the team discussed ways to improve productivity.

adj. happening or occurring later or after something else

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

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

ANSWERS: 58. feminist, 59. pregnant, 60. privilege, 61. flee, 62. ostracized, 63. ancestor, 64. subsequent, 65. critics

66. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
67. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
68. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
69. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
70. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
71. She had a legitimate _____ with her employer over unequal pay.
- n.* a real or imagined cause for complaint or protest, especially regarding an unfair or unjust treatment
72. He never _____ his fault.
- v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 66. outskirts, 67. institutes, 68. promote, 69. murder, 70. Democracy, 71. grievance, 72. acknowledged

73. The show of _____ by the bully only served to mask his insecurity and fear.
n. a bold, swaggering display of courage or confidence that is intended to impress or intimidate people, often in a way that is exaggerated or insincere
74. The _____ at the parking lot directed me to an available parking spot
n. a person who is employed to provide a service or perform tasks, often in a public place, such as a flight attendant, parking attendant, or hospital attendant
75. 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
76. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
77. She _____ to the audience after her performance.
v. to bend your knee or body, or lower your head; (noun) a weapon made of a curved piece of wood or other flexible material, strung with a cord and used to shoot arrows
78. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
79. 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
80. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

ANSWERS: 73. bravado, 74. attendant, 75. environment, 76. poverty, 77. bowed, 78. accord, 79. government, 80. peaceful

81. The _____ burst from the audience.
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
82. In some Muslim countries, the _____ position is appointed by the government.
n. a religious leader of the Muslim community, especially the leader of a mosque and a community
83. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
n. a person who writes poetry
84. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
85. 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
86. The government's policies have caused widespread _____ among the citizens.
n. a feeling of dissatisfaction or resentment towards someone or something, especially a government or system
87. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
88. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 81. applause, 82. imam's, 83. poet, 84. survey, 85. victim, 86. disaffection, 87. preserve, 88. extreme

89. The devil can _____ Scripture for his purpose.

- v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

90. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.

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

91. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

92. The concert _____ was packed with excited fans.

- n.* a location or place where an event or activity takes place; a place where something happens or is performed

93. She was _____ in her behavior.

- adj.* wise and displaying the ability to make reasonable decisions

94. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

95. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

- adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

96. 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

ANSWERS: 89. cite, 90. violation, 91. overcome, 92. venue, 93. politic, 94. largely, 95. chief, 96. definition,

97. I strongly _____ the new proposed law that would harm our environment.

- v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening

98. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

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

99. She tried to _____ her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

- v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

100. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

101. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

102. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of _____.

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

103. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.

- adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

104. He was a devout _____ of the religion.

- n.* a person who supports a particular party, person, or set of ideas; the act or state of coming or being in close contact with something

ANSWERS: 97. oppose, 98. pounds, 99. defy, 100. define, 101. scholar, 102. terrorism, 103. politically, 104. adherent

105. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
106. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
107. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
108. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
109. She hired an _____ to kill her opponent.
n. a person who murders a prominent or well-known person for political reasons or in exchange for money
110. The politician tried to _____ public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.
v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
111. She relied on her _____ friend for support during tough times.
n. a loyal, reliable, and steadfast person, often referring to someone strong and unyielding in their support or principles; a devoted and unwavering supporter or advocate
112. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 105. headline, 106. Communal, 107. mass, 108. vast, 109. assassin, 110. sway, 111. stalwart, 112. primary

113. The _____ heat made it difficult to sleep.

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

114. The different parts of the system are _____ and rely on each other to function correctly.

adj. closely connected or related to each other

115. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

116. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

117. He is a religious _____ and strictly adheres to the teachings of his faith.

n. a person who adheres strictly to the basic principles of any subject or discipline

118. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

119. He _____ the actions of the corrupt official.

v. to speak out against; to strongly criticize something or someone

120. You should not _____ against minorities.

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

ANSWERS: 113. unrelenting, 114. interrelated, 115. strike, 116. threat, 117. fundamentalist, 118. icebergs, 119. denounced, 120. discriminate

121. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
- n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
122. The religious leader issued a _____ condemning the violent actions.
- n.* a religious ruling or legal opinion, typically issued by an Islamic scholar or authority figure, guiding various aspects of life, including personal conduct, morality, and social issues
123. The airport security _____ was crowded with passengers waiting to board their flights.
- n.* a designated location or point along a route or journey where travelers are required to stop and undergo a security or documentation check
124. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
125. The _____ protesters marched peacefully through the streets.
- adj.* without weapons or arms; not carrying any form of weapon or ammunition, or engaging in physical conflict with weapons
126. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a _____ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
127. What are the _____ that he will survive?
- n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 121. stereotypes, 122. fatwa, 123. checkpoint, 124. overlook, 125. unarmed, 126. peasant, 127. odds

128. 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

129. The _____ organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.

adj. not belonging to or controlled by a government

130. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

131. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

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

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

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

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

134. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

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

adv. not at all; no matter what

ANSWERS: 128. mandate, 129. nongovernmental, 130. achieve, 131. troop, 132. ridiculous, 133. movement, 134. workshop, 135. whatsoever

136. Many scholars argue that the true meaning of _____ is to strive for personal betterment and to defend justice and peace.
- n.* a concept in Islam referring to a struggle or effort, often internal, to uphold or defend the faith, which can be interpreted in different ways, including as a spiritual or political struggle
137. The _____ group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
- n.* a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views
138. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
- n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
139. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
140. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
- adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
141. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
142. The basketball _____ was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.
- n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

ANSWERS: 136. jihad, 137. extremist, 138. auditorium, 139. firm, 140. inherent, 141. threatening, 142. tournament

143. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.

v. to reach a peak or climax

144. 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

145. She was a _____ supporter of the cause, always willing to speak out for her beliefs.

adj. firmly loyal and devoted, unyielding or resolute

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

147. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

148. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

149. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

150. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

ANSWERS: 143. culminate, 144. claim, 145. staunch, 146. obvious, 147. struggle, 148. competition, 149. Sociologist, 150. thrill

151. For many, the church was the only source of _____ in harsh times.

n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

152. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

153. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

154. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

155. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

156. The scientific theories presented in the book were _____ even to non-experts.

adj. able to be understood or comprehended; able to be measured or explored to a certain depth

157. 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

158. The company adjusted the revenue _____.

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 151. salvation, 152. desperately, 153. disappear, 154. breath, 155. resort, 156. fathomable, 157. decide, 158. upward

159. He took a deep breath and slowly began to _____.

- v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

160. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

161. The _____ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

- n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

162. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

- v.* to do something illegal or wrong

163. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

164. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

- n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

165. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

- n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

166. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.

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

167. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

- adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

ANSWERS: 159. exhale, 160. decision, 161. militant, 162. committed, 163. concluded, 164. opponent, 165. flaw, 166. assumes, 167. harsh

168. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.

n. a son of your brother or sister

169. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

170. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

171. 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

172. Our immune system can _____ disease germs from the body.

v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

173. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

174. The historical novel portrayed the conflict between the kingdom and the so-called _____ invaders from the north.

n. a person who does not believe in a specific religion or who holds a different religious belief than the one being referred to; a derogatory term used to refer to someone who is seen as not following a particular religious faith

175. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

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

ANSWERS: 168. nephew, 169. precedents, 170. heritage, 171. policy, 172. eject, 173. confront, 174. infidel, 175. biology

176. There is no _____ car park nearby.

- n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

177. She gave a firm _____.

- n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

178. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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

179. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

- n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

180. The celebrity hired a personal _____ to protect them from the paparazzi.

- n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

181. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

182. The group engages in _____ through lobbying and campaigning for policy changes.

- n.* the act of supporting or promoting a particular cause or point of view, often through public campaigning or lobbying

183. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.

- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

ANSWERS: 176. toll, 177. refusal, 178. intellect, 179. hometown, 180. bodyguard, 181. surround, 182. advocacy, 183. graves

184. Due to budget constraints, the company had to _____ its marketing campaign for the new product.

- v.* to reduce or restrict something; to shorten or truncate; to cut short or bring to an abrupt end

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

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

186. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

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

187. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

188. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

189. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

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

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

191. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

- adj.* without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 184. curtail, 185. destroyed, 186. entitled, 187. spirit, 188. urged, 189. sponsors, 190. diversity, 191. silent

192. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
193. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
- v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
194. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
- n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
195. The traffic-_____ street was gridlocked during rush hour, with cars moving at a snail's pace.
- adj.* heavily loaded or burdened
196. The art exhibit featured a massive _____ sculpture made entirely of recycled materials.
- n.* a large, single upright block of stone, especially one shaped into a pillar or monument; something that is very large, solid, and uniform in shape or appearance
197. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
- n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
198. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
199. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 192. fortune, 193. recruited, 194. grief, 195. laden, 196. monolith, 197. atrocity, 198. amazing, 199. encounter

200. This company is the world's largest _____ of caviar.

n. a person or company that provides goods or services

201. The music _____ attracts visitors from all over the world.

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

202. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

203. The document _____ to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.

v. to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication

204. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

205. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

206. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

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

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

adv. at the same time

ANSWERS: 200. purveyor, 201. festival, 202. motto, 203. purports, 204. investigated, 205. outcome, 206. creative, 207. simultaneously

208. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

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

209. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

210. The rise of far-right _____ has sparked concern among many civil rights organizations.

n. the holding of extreme political or religious views; actions or beliefs that fall outside of what is considered acceptable or reasonable

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

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

ANSWERS: 208. offensive, 209. aim, 210. extremism, 211. announced