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Session 1: Word List

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym: flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

wildebeest

n. (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration

synonym: gnu

(1) grazing **wildebeest**, (2) **wildebeest** herd

The migration of **wildebeest** across the Serengeti is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.

shoal

n. a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together

synonym: sandbank, sandbar, shallows

(1) **shoal** of fish, (2) reef **shoal**

The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous **shoal** in the shallow waters.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym : herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

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.

brine

n. a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater

synonym : saltwater, seawater, saline

(1) **brine** solution, (2) **brine** shrimp

The recipe called for a teaspoon of **brine** to add flavor.

shrimp

n. a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

synonym : prawn, langoustine, scampi

(1) **shrimp** cocktail, (2) **shrimp** farming

The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring **shrimp**.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym : interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym : hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

tapeworm

n. a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body

synonym: helminth, cestode, ribbon worm

(1) **tapeworm** eggs, (2) **tapeworm** treatment

The doctor diagnosed the patient with **tapeworm** infection.

gut

n. the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

synonym: belly, abdomen, courage

(1) the blind **gut**, (2) **gut** feelings

He told me a **gut-wrenching** truth about my parent's death.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

hooked

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

synonym: caught, captivated, addicted

(1) **hooked** hair, (2) **hooked** on drugs

My son was **hooked** on the Internet.

freelance

adj. doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization

synonym : self-employed, independent

(1) a **freelance** journalist, (2) professional **freelance** writer

He became a **freelance** photographer after working for a company for over ten years.

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

sympathize

v. to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

synonym : empathize, understand, commiserate

(1) **sympathize** with a tragic hero, (2) **sympathize** with their situation

I **sympathize** with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym : draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym : food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym : translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

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.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym: location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

flamingo

n. a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

(1) **flamingo** habitat, (2) **flamingo** flock

The **flamingo's** bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

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.

conspicuous

adj. visible or observable; likely to draw attention

synonym: apparent, noticeable, evident

(1) a **conspicuous** achievement, (2) **conspicuous**

consumption

Her golden hair was **conspicuous** in China.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

sociable

adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

synonym : friendly, outgoing, affable

(1) **sociable** gathering, (2) **sociable** atmosphere

She is a very **sociable** person who loves meeting new people.

volition

n. the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding

synonym : choice, decision, free will

(1) **volition** level, (2) freedom of **volition**

He canceled the meeting of his own **volition** as he thought it was unnecessary.

opposition

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

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym : commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

parasitic

adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host

synonym : symbiotic, dependent, exploitative

(1) **parasitic** relationship, (2) brood- **parasitic** bird

The **parasitic** plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym : self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

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

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

cricket

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

(1) **cricket** match, (2) a pine **cricket**

The sound of the **crickets** chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym: caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

worm

n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes

(1) wiggly **worms**, (2) can of **worms**

Worms help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

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

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

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

addle

v. to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent

synonym: confuse, muddle, befuddle

(1) **addle** my mind, (2) **addle** my taste buds

The unfamiliarity of the foreign language **addled** his comprehension, but he was eager to learn.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work
Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

wriggle

v. to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

synonym: squirm, jerk, twist

(1) **wriggle** free, (2) **wriggle** in surprise

The child started to **wriggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

cavalcade

n. a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display

synonym: procession, parade, march

(1) **cavalcade** of cars, (2) extravagant **cavalcade**

The parade featured a colorful **cavalcade** of floats, marching bands, and dancers.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym: bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

insect

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

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

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

subvert

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

synonym: overthrow, undermine, sabotage

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

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

override

v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else

synonym: overrule, annul, nullify

(1) **override** the system, (2) **override** a veto

The CEO decided to **override** the decision made by the lower-level managers.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

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

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

enthrall

v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

synonym: captivate, charm, fascinate

(1) **enthrall** with beauty, (2) **enthrall** the reader

The magician's illusions always managed to **enthrall** the

audience.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym : tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

macabre

adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death

synonym : grotesque, gruesome, sinister

(1) **macabre** tales of war, (2) **macabre** art

The **macabre** scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.

lexicon

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

synonym : glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym :

expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym : buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

resist

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

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

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

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

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.

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym : scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel
He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

caterpillar

n. the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
synonym: larva, grub, worm

(1) **caterpillar** of a butterfly, (2) **caterpillar** in a cocoon
The wooly bear **caterpillar** munched on leaves all day.

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.

thrash

v. to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently
and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or
contest
synonym: beat, pummel, thrum

(1) **thrash** about with pain, (2) **thrash** out a deal
He **thrashed** in the water when he realized he was too far
from the shore.

cocoon

n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other
invertebrates
synonym: chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**
The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning
into a butterfly.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

defend

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

synonym : protect, guard, support

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

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

metamorphose

v. to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature

synonym : transform, change, alter

(1) **metamorphose** in appearance, (2) **metamorphose** over time

The caterpillar **metamorphoses** into a butterfly during its life cycle.

headbanging

n. the act of violently shaking one's head in rhythm with the music

(1) her severe **headbanging**, (2) **headbanging** and moshing

She shouted with **headbanging** in the front row.

zombie

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

synonym: living dead, ghost, machine

(1) **zombie** bank, (2) **zombie** movie

If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a **zombie** at work.

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.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym: children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

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.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

solace

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

synonym : comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

oddity

n. something unusual or different

synonym : rarity, curiosity, peculiarity

(1) find an **oddity**, (2) genetic **oddity**

The two-headed snake was an **oddity** at the zoo.

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.

estuary

n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

synonym : delta, mouth, inlet

(1) **estuary** port, (2) **estuary** delta

The mouth of the river formed an **estuary** where saltwater and freshwater met.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

dissect

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

synonym : analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

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.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

trematode

n. a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts

synonym : fluke, flatworm, parasite

(1) **trematode** infection, (2) liver **trematode**

The researcher discovered a new species of **trematode** in the freshwater lake.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym : unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

grasshopper

n. large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality

synonym : locust, katydid, cricket

(1) **grasshopper** mice, (2) **grasshopper** species

The **grasshopper** leaped from one blade of grass to another.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

trout

n. a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes

synonym : salmon

(1) **trout** fishing, (2) grilled **trout**

The river is known for its abundance of wild **trout**.

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**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

emerald

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

synonym: green, verdant, jade

(1) an **emerald** gem, (2) **emerald** ring

The **emerald** green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym: roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

acknowledged

adj. recognized or admitted as being true or valid

synonym : recognized, accepted, admitted

(1) **acknowledged** beauty, (2) publicly **acknowledged** truth
His **acknowledged** expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

synonym : ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**
That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym : pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg
The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest
He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face
Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym : prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

distinctive

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

synonym : characteristic, individual, unique

(1) **distinctive** ability, (2) design to be **distinctive**

His writing style was **distinctive**, with a clear and concise voice.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

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

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

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

neuron

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

synonym: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

ram

v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force

synonym: crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

sedate

adj. calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity

synonym : calm, composed, tranquil

(1) **sedate** atmosphere, (2) **sedate** patient

The **sedate** environment of the library was perfect for studying.

motivation

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

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

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

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

helpless

adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

synonym : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

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.

- lair** *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
synonym : den, hideout, shelter
(1) **lair** of a dragon, (2) **lair** of a criminal
The tiger's **lair** was filled with treasure.
- antenna** *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
synonym : feeler, receiver
(1) **antenna** of insect, (2) extend the TV **antenna**
He had a special **antenna** for public relations
- drill** *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
synonym : exercise, routine, training
(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**
Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.
- argue** *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel
(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately
The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- extension** *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
synonym : addition, augment, supplement
(1) time **extension**, (2) telephone **extension**
They are building an **extension** to the house to add more bedrooms.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

chemistry

n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

(1) professor of **chemistry**, (2) the **chemistry** of soil

He is familiar with **chemistry** and biology.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym: endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

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

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

crude

adj. being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

synonym: unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

blunder

n. mistake; the act of making a foolish error

synonym: mistake, error, goof

(1) a capital **blunder**, (2) make a **blunder** in my work

The CEO's **blunder** in the meeting cost the company millions.

fine-grained

adj. characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions

synonym: detailed, intricate, precise

(1) **fine-grained** analysis, (2) **fine-grained** control

The **fine-grained** texture of the fabric made it incredibly soft to the touch.

Don

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym : refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences

She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym : ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

premium

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

synonym : dividend, bonus, (adjective) expensive

(1) insurance **premium**, (2) **premium** quality

Some people are willing to pay a **premium** for a rare and valuable collectible.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or

client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym : hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

societal

adj. relating to society or social relationships

synonym : social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

dystopia

n. an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

synonym : anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

shadowy

adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

synonym : dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

cabal

n. a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of

the group

synonym : clique, faction, plot

(1) a member of a **cabal**, (2) secret **cabal**

The group of politicians formed a **cabal** to try to control the party.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

disquiet

n. a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation

synonym : anxiety, unrest, uneasiness

(1) cause **disquiet** among the residents, (2) mood of **disquiet**

The **disquiet** in the community grew as rumors spread about the upcoming changes.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

forehead

n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

synonym : brow, frontal bone, temple

(1) **forehead** wrinkles, (2) kiss on the **forehead**

The athlete had sweat dripping down her **forehead** after the intense workout.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

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

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

nickname

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

synonym : moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

rodent

n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

synonym : mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage
He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

missile

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

synonym: projectile, rocket, bomb

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

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

odor

n. a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell

synonym: smell, aroma, fragrance

(1) **odor** control, (2) pleasant **odor**

The **odor** from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

charitable

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

synonym : generous, helping, giving

(1) **charitable** organizations, (2) **charitable** deeds

He is always **charitable** to the poor.

enzyme

n. a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction

synonym : catalyst, activator, accelerator

(1) **enzyme** reaction, (2) lack of digestive **enzymes**

A deficiency in the **enzyme** can lead to a medical condition.

dopamine

n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym : essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price
Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

overt

adj. open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

synonym: open, unhidden, obvious

(1) **overt** hostility, (2) **overt** symptoms

His **overt** lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

dormant

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym: inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

questionnaire

n. a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

synonym : survey, poll, form

(1) fill out a **questionnaire**, (2) distribute a **questionnaire**

The company sent out a lengthy **questionnaire** to gather feedback from its customers.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym : calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym : psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

inconclusive

adj. without any significant results or proof or decision

synonym : ambiguous, unsettled, uncertain

(1) **inconclusive** debate, (2) **inconclusive** evidence

Climate behavior models are frequently **inconclusive**.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym: across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

implausible

adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

synonym: incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

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.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym : attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

sideways

adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

synonym : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

baffle

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

synonym : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

puzzling

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

synonym : baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

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**.

grisly

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
synonym : gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

butterfly

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

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

He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym : porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

grandeur

n. the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

synonym : splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

endless

adj. having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

synonym : infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. gra_____er mice | <i>n.</i> large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality |
| 2. the m__d in a room | <i>n.</i> the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind |
| 3. female of_____ng | <i>n.</i> descendant; any immature animal or plant |
| 4. authoritarian vi_____n | <i>n.</i> a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel |
| 5. br__e shrimp | <i>n.</i> a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater |
| 6. a fairy t__e | <i>n.</i> a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure |
| 7. a con_____ly varying mind | <i>adv.</i> all the time |
| 8. an age of ab_____ce | <i>n.</i> a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something |
| 9. shopping re___ds cards | <i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc. |
| 10. basic br__n function | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling |
| 11. sp_____le lens | <i>n.</i> something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision |

ANSWERS: 1. grasshopper, 2. mood, 3. offspring, 4. villain, 5. brine, 6. tale, 7. constantly, 8. abundance, 9. reward, 10. brain, 11. spectacle

12. the co___e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
13. secret ca__l *n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group
14. ma____e art *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
15. cha____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
16. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
17. distribute a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
18. a reckless at____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
19. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
20. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
21. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 12. corpse, 13. cabal, 14. macabre, 15. charismatic, 16. equip, 17. questionnaire, 18. attempt, 19. tale, 20. influence, 21. reproduce

22. a fr_____ce journalist *adj.* doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization
23. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
24. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
25. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
26. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
27. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
28. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
29. pa_____ic relationship *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
30. freedom of vo_____on *n.* the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding
31. fall si_____ys *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
32. ready-made ph_____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
33. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

ANSWERS: 22. freelance, 23. involve, 24. motivation, 25. individual, 26. infect, 27. immediately, 28. butterfly, 29. parasitic, 30. volition, 31. sideways, 32. phrase, 33. intelligent

34. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
35. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
36. ro___t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
37. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
38. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
39. l__r of a dragon *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
40. sym_____ze with their situation *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
41. reef sh__l *n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together

ANSWERS: 34. advertise, 35. argue, 36. rodent, 37. invite, 38. twist, 39. lair, 40. sympathize, 41. shoal

42. become p__y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
43. mic_____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
44. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
45. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
46. her severe hea_____ng *n.* the act of violently shaking one's head in rhythm with the music
47. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
48. sym_____ze with a tragic hero *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
49. ho___d on drugs *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
50. a con_____us achievement *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
51. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
52. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
53. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 42. prey, 43. microscopic, 44. amazing, 45. genital, 46. headbanging, 47. microscopic, 48. sympathize, 49. hooked, 50. conspicuous, 51. violent, 52. span, 53. advertise

54. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
55. he_____ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
56. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
57. gr_____y details *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
58. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
59. stress pr_____n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
60. can of w____ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
61. dr____n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
62. th____h out a deal *v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
63. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
64. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

ANSWERS: 54. universal, 55. helpless, 56. exciting, 57. grisly, 58. estimate, 59. protein, 60. worm, 61. drown, 62. thrash, 63. complicated, 64. spectacle

65. en___e reaction *n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction
66. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
67. h__d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
68. te_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
69. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
70. br__e solution *n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater
71. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
72. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
73. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
74. ad__e my mind *v.* to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent
75. 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

ANSWERS: 65. enzyme, 66. drain, 67. herd, 68. terrifying, 69. villain, 70. brine, 71. precise, 72. swell, 73. release, 74. addle, 75. bodyguard

76. ov__t symptoms *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
77. sh____y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
78. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
79. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
80. fin_____ned control *adj.* characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions
81. dis_____ve ability *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
82. ne___n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
83. design to be dis_____ve *adj.* having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others
84. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
85. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

ANSWERS: 76. overt, 77. shadowy, 78. typical, 79. substance, 80. fine-grained, 81. distinctive, 82. neuron, 83. distinctive, 84. plot, 85. drill

86. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
87. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
88. sw____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
89. extend the TV an____a *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
90. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
91. telephone ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
92. con_____us consumption *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
93. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
94. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 86. virus, 87. obvious, 88. swallow, 89. antenna, 90. divide, 91. extension, 92. conspicuous, 93. destination, 94. conscious

95. ho___d hair *adj.* being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak
96. sh____y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
97. imp_____le theory *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
98. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
99. ca_____de of cars *n.* a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display
100. Greek-English le_____n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
101. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
102. the ch_____ry of soil *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
103. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 95. hooked, 96. shadowy, 97. implausible, 98. argument, 99. cavalcade, 100. lexicon, 101. breed, 102. chemistry, 103. puzzle

104. mi____e defense *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
105. so____al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
106. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
107. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
108. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
109. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
110. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
111. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
112. a tra____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
113. 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
114. grazing wil____st *n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration

ANSWERS: 104. missile, 105. societal, 106. defend, 107. plot, 108. critic, 109. swarm, 110. exciting, 111. snail, 112. transparent, 113. desperately, 114. wildebeest

115. find an od___y *n.* something unusual or different
116. development of the ne____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
117. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
118. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
119. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
120. tr__t fishing *n.* a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
121. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
122. en_____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
123. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
124. ba___e his plan *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 115. oddity, 116. nervous, 117. similarly, 118. dystopia, 119. larva, 120. trout, 121. conscious, 122. endless, 123. diet, 124. baffle

125. di___e money equally	<i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
126. with de____t	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
127. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds	<i>v.</i> to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
128. a nu____nt for hair	<i>n.</i> any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
129. vi___m support	<i>n.</i> a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
130. su____e a plane crash	<i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
131. sch____nia treatment	<i>n.</i> a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
132. blood-sucking pa____te	<i>n.</i> an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
133. a private ind____al	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
134. pu____ng behavior	<i>adj.</i> confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
135. publicly ack____ged truth	<i>adj.</i> recognized or admitted as being true or valid
136. professional fr____ce writer	<i>adj.</i> doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization

ANSWERS: 125. divide, 126. delight, 127. estimate, 128. nutrient, 129. victim, 130. survive, 131. schizophrenia, 132. parasite, 133. individual, 134. puzzling, 135. acknowledged, 136. freelance

137. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
138. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
139. ack_____ged beauty *adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid
140. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
141. ad__e my taste buds *v.* to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent
142. fill out a que_____ire *n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies
143. brood-pa_____ic bird *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
144. so_____le gathering *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
145. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
146. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
147. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 137. unfortunate, 138. accident, 139. acknowledged, 140. slightly, 141. addle, 142. questionnaire, 143. parasitic, 144. sociable, 145. intelligent, 146. compress, 147. structure

148. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
149. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
150. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
151. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
152. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
153. pa_____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
154. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
155. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
156. antagonism of do_____ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

ANSWERS: 148. manipulate, 149. argue, 150. drain, 151. manipulate, 152. claw, 153. parasite, 154. sinister, 155. flock, 156. dopamine

157. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
158. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
159. es_____y port *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
160. cruise mi_____e attack *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
161. so_____le atmosphere *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
162. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
163. liver tr_____de *n.* a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts
164. di_____t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
165. make a bl_____r in my work *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
166. se_____e patient *adj.* calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity

ANSWERS: 157. opposition, 158. drown, 159. estuary, 160. missile, 161. sociable, 162. vary, 163. trematode, 164. dissect, 165. blunder, 166. sedate

167. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
168. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
169. do_____t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
170. do_____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
171. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
172. el_____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
173. a capital bl_____r *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
174. co_____n silk *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
175. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
176. endearing ni_____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
177. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 167. unexpected, 168. fertilize, 169. dormant, 170. dolphin, 171. similarly, 172. elegant, 173. blunder, 174. cocoon, 175. creature, 176. nickname, 177. specific

178. 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
179. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
180. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
181. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
182. cha_____le deeds *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
183. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
184. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
185. prevent ro___t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
186. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
187. w__p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

ANSWERS: 178. assume, 179. deserve, 180. cluster, 181. inject, 182. charitable, 183. weigh, 184. hunt, 185. rodent, 186. slightly, 187. wasp

188. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
189. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
190. a pine cr_____t *n.* leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
191. inc_____ive debate *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision
192. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
193. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
194. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
195. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
196. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
197. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
198. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
199. professor of ch_____ry *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

ANSWERS: 188. amazing, 189. wasp, 190. cricket, 191. inconclusive, 192. critic, 193. dot, 194. shift, 195. precise, 196. compelling, 197. endless, 198. abundance, 199. chemistry

200. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
201. an un___n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
202. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
203. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
204. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
205. a strain of vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
206. zo___e movie *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
207. a dried co___n *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
208. pr_____m quality *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
209. de___r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
210. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
211. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

ANSWERS: 200. bump, 201. unseen, 202. release, 203. flock, 204. chemical, 205. virus, 206. zombie, 207. cocoon, 208. premium, 209. devour, 210. breed, 211. widespread

212. g_t feelings *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant
213. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
214. offer so____e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
215. vo_____on level *n.* the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding
216. the st____m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
217. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
218. desiccated co____e *n.* the dead body of a human being
219. a crumbling dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

ANSWERS: 212. gut, 213. swallow, 214. solace, 215. volition, 216. stream, 217. inviting, 218. corpse, 219. dystopia

220. sh___p cocktail *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
221. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
222. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
223. sh___p farming *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
224. imp_____le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
225. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
226. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
227. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
228. de___r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
229. sw___l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
230. do_____ne-inhibiting agent *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
231. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 220. shrimp, 221. candidate, 222. complicated, 223. shrimp, 224. implausible, 225. cluster, 226. suicide, 227. immediately, 228. devour, 229. swell, 230. dopamine, 231. origin

232. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
233. cha_____le organizations *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
234. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
235. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
236. hi___k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
237. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
238. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
239. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
240. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 232. prospect, 233. charitable, 234. fertilize, 235. hunt, 236. hijack, 237. survive, 238. universal, 239. candidate, 240. destination

241. ma_____e tales of war *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
242. symbiotic fu____s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
243. permanent br____n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
244. genetic od____y *n.* something unusual or different
245. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
246. natural gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
247. lost in gr_____ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
248. re____t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
249. excite the ne____ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
250. a si_____ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

ANSWERS: 241. macabre, 242. fungus, 243. brain, 244. oddity, 245. attempt, 246. grandeur, 247. grandeur, 248. resist, 249. neuron, 250. sideways

251. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
252. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
253. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
254. produce of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
255. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
256. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
257. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
258. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
259. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
260. kiss on the fo_____ad *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline

ANSWERS: 251. shift, 252. vary, 253. influence, 254. offspring, 255. diet, 256. phrase, 257. classic, 258. drill, 259. larva, 260. forehead

261. sh__l of fish *n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
262. di____t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
263. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
264. D_n Giovanni *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
265. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
266. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
267. extravagant ca____de *n.* a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display
268. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 261. shoal, 262. dissect, 263. cast, 264. Don, 265. classic, 266. fellow, 267. cavalcade, 268. victim

269. ov____de the system *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
270. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
271. cha____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
272. tr____de infection *n.* a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts
273. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
274. the great di____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
275. non-fi____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
276. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
277. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
278. do____t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

ANSWERS: 269. override, 270. insect, 271. charismatic, 272. trematode, 273. delight, 274. discovery, 275. fiction, 276. sibling, 277. prey, 278. dormant

279. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
280. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
281. pu_____ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
282. a member of a ca__l *n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group
283. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
284. se___e atmosphere *adj.* calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity
285. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
286. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
287. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
288. hea_____ng and moshing *n.* the act of violently shaking one's head in rhythm with the music

ANSWERS: 279. independence, 280. bump, 281. puzzling, 282. cabal, 283. weigh, 284. sedate, 285. ultimate, 286. defend, 287. journalist, 288. headbanging

289. le_____n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
290. l__r of a criminal *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
291. locust sw___m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
292. do_____n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
293. an_____a of insect *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
294. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
295. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
296. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
297. co_____ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
298. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
299. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
300. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 289. lexicon, 290. lair, 291. swarm, 292. dolphin, 293. antenna, 294. obvious, 295. accident, 296. biology, 297. cockroach, 298. nervous, 299. reproduce, 300. discovery

301. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
302. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
303. gr___y death *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
304. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
305. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
306. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
307. wr_____e in surprise *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
308. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
309. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
310. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
311. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 301. compress, 302. worm, 303. grisly, 304. fiction, 305. nutrient, 306. journalist, 307. wriggle, 308. possession, 309. unexpected, 310. stream, 311. extreme

312. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
313. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
314. ov_____de a veto *v.* to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
315. an em_____d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
316. met_____ose over time *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
317. time ex_____on *n.* a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
318. racial or_____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
319. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
320. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
321. the blind g_t *n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 312. motivation, 313. ultimate, 314. override, 315. emerald, 316. metamorphose, 317. extension, 318. origin, 319. blind, 320. widespread, 321. gut

322. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
323. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
324. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
325. in____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
326. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
327. ba___e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
328. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
329. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
330. re___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
331. price of cr___e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
332. tra______nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

ANSWERS: 322. herd, 323. sting, 324. overlook, 325. inviting, 326. fellow, 327. baffle, 328. insect, 329. reward, 330. resist, 331. crude, 332. transparent

333. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
334. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
335. en_____ll the reader *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
336. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
337. gra_____er species *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
338. grilled tr__t *n.* a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
339. ge_____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
340. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
341. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
342. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 333. hijack, 334. violent, 335. enthrall, 336. invite, 337. grasshopper, 338. trout, 339. genital, 340. substance, 341. ram, 342. sibling

343. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
344. pos_____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
345. fl_____go flock *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
346. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
347. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
348. the ve__m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
349. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
350. cat_____ar in a cocoon *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
351. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
352. lack of digestive en___es *n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction
353. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 343. fungus, 344. possession, 345. flamingo, 346. chemical, 347. typical, 348. venom, 349. constantly, 350. caterpillar, 351. inject, 352. enzyme, 353. infect

354. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
355. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
356. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
357. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
358. fin_____ned analysis *adj.* characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions
359. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
360. he_____ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
361. cat_____ar of a butterfly *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
362. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
363. 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
364. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 354. span, 355. compelling, 356. sting, 357. sinister, 358. fine-grained, 359. equip, 360. helpless, 361. caterpillar, 362. mere, 363. bodyguard, 364. extreme

365. cr__e manners *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
366. pleasant o__r *n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell
367. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
368. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
369. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
370. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
371. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
372. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
373. ov__t hostility *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
374. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 365. crude, 366. odor, 367. twist, 368. puzzle, 369. accord, 370. Don, 371. specific, 372. snail, 373. overt, 374. spot

375. job pr____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
376. ta____rm treatment *n.* a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body
377. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
378. 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
379. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
380. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
381. so___e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

ANSWERS: 375. prospect, 376. tapeworm, 377. blind, 378. assume, 379. dot, 380. schizophrenia, 381. solace

382. ov_____ok that fact
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
383. an unf_____te orphan
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
384. wr_____e free
v. to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
385. in an ugly m__d
n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
386. have a co_____ch phobia
n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
387. de_____e this prize
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
388. wil_____st herd
n. (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
389. opp_____on campaign
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
390. a blazing ar_____nt
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
391. commit su_____e
n. the act of killing yourself intentionally
392. cr_____t match
n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players
393. write el_____t sentences
adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

ANSWERS: 382. overlook, 383. unfortunate, 384. wriggle, 385. mood, 386. cockroach, 387. deserve, 388. wildebeest, 389. opposition, 390. argument, 391. suicide, 392. cricket, 393. elegant

394. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
395. so_____al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
396. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
397. un____n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
398. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
399. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
400. th____h about with pain *v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
401. su_____t expectations *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
402. zo____e bank *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
403. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 394. biology, 395. societal, 396. spot, 397. unseen, 398. mere, 399. terrifying, 400. thrash, 401. subvert, 402. zombie, 403. claw

404. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
405. ta_____rm eggs *n.* a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body
406. r_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
407. fl_____go habitat *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
408. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
409. en_____ll with beauty *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
410. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
411. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
412. injected ve__m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

ANSWERS: 404. involve, 405. tapeworm, 406. ram, 407. flamingo, 408. independence, 409. enthrall, 410. nickname, 411. accord, 412. venom

413. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
414. su____t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
415. es____y delta *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
416. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
417. st____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
418. bu____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
419. mood of di____et *n.* a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation
420. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
421. o__r control *n.* a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell

ANSWERS: 413. stab, 414. subvert, 415. estuary, 416. cast, 417. structure, 418. butterfly, 419. disquiet, 420. stab, 421. odor

422. met_____ose in appearance *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
423. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
424. cause di_____et among the residents *n.* a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation
425. 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
426. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
427. pr_____n synthesis *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
428. em_____d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
429. fo_____ad wrinkles *n.* the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
430. inc_____ive evidence *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision

ANSWERS: 422. metamorphose, 423. creature, 424. disquiet, 425. desperately, 426. hatch, 427. protein, 428. emerald, 429. forehead, 430. inconclusive

431. ha__h a baby chick

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

432. insurance pr_____m

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

ANSWERS: 431. hatch, 432. premium

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

2. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

3. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.
adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

4. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

5. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

6. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.
v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

7. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.
adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

ANSWERS: 1. survive, 2. weighs, 3. inviting, 4. nutrients, 5. journalists, 6. fertilize, 7. widespread

8. This bilingual _____ was essential for his language improvement.
n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
9. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.
n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
10. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
11. The CEO decided to _____ the decision made by the lower-level managers.
v. to use one's authority or power to cancel or disregard something, especially a decision or rule made by someone else
12. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
13. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
14. The tiger's _____ was filled with treasure.
n. a den or shelter used by a wild animal
15. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 8. lexicon, 9. claw, 10. puzzle, 11. override, 12. obvious, 13. constantly, 14. lair, 15. blind

16. The migration of _____ across the Serengeti is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.
- n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
17. The unfamiliarity of the foreign language _____ his comprehension, but he was eager to learn.
- v.* to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent
18. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
- n.* a living being, especially an animal
19. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
- n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
20. The researcher discovered a new species of _____ in the freshwater lake.
- n.* a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts
21. The _____ texture of the fabric made it incredibly soft to the touch.
- adj.* characterized by having a small or fine grain or texture; detailed or intricate; involving or requiring careful attention to small details or distinctions
22. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.
- n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
23. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
- v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

ANSWERS: 16. wildebeest, 17. addled, 18. creature, 19. flock, 20. trematode, 21. fine-grained, 22. prey, 23. devoured

24. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
25. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
26. The mouth of the river formed an _____ where saltwater and freshwater met.
n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
27. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
28. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
29. 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
30. The _____ pressure to conform is strong in this community.
adj. relating to society or social relationships
31. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.
adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived
32. The snake's _____ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

ANSWERS: 24. opposition, 25. charismatic, 26. estuary, 27. unfortunate, 28. chemical, 29. victim, 30. societal, 31. unseen, 32. venom

33. He became a _____ photographer after working for a company for over ten years.

adj. doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization

34. The child started to _____ out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

v. to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

35. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

36. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

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

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

38. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

39. He was _____ many times with scissors.

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

40. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

ANSWERS: 33. freelance, 34. wriggle, 35. parasites, 36. schizophrenia, 37. influence, 38. swelling, 39. stabbed, 40. amazing

41. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
42. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
43. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
44. The woolly bear _____ munched on leaves all day.
n. the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
45. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.
n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
46. The car _____ into the wall, causing significant damage.
v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
47. He canceled the meeting of his own _____ as he thought it was unnecessary.
n. the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding
48. The scientist _____ the frog to study its internal organs.
v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

ANSWERS: 41. genital, 42. individual, 43. span, 44. caterpillar, 45. wasp, 46. rammed, 47. volition, 48. dissected

49. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
50. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
51. The athlete had sweat dripping down her _____ after the intense workout.
n. the part of the face above the eyebrows and below the hairline; the upper part of the face that extends from the eyes to the hairline
52. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.
n. the state or fact of owning or having something
53. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
54. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.
n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
55. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
56. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
57. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

ANSWERS: 49. immediately, 50. hunt, 51. forehead, 52. possession, 53. critics, 54. substance, 55. resist, 56. delight, 57. prospect

58. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
59. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
60. The _____ leaped from one blade of grass to another.
n. large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
61. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
62. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
63. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
64. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.
n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
65. The military launched a ballistic _____ at the enemy's stronghold.
n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
66. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

ANSWERS: 58. estimated, 59. accident, 60. grasshopper, 61. overlook, 62. larva, 63. divide, 64. herd, 65. missile, 66. snail

67. The two-headed snake was an _____ at the zoo.

n. something unusual or different

68. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

69. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

70. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

71. The CEO's _____ in the meeting cost the company millions.

n. mistake; the act of making a foolish error

72. The disease can remain _____ for years before it presents any symptoms.

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

73. The _____ plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host

74. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

ANSWERS: 67. oddity, 68. villain, 69. elegant, 70. equipped, 71. blunder, 72. dormant, 73. parasitic, 74. attempt

75. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
76. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.
- n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
77. The caterpillar spins a _____ around itself before turning into a butterfly.
- n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
78. If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a _____ at work.
- n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
79. The castle's _____ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.
- n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
80. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
81. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
- n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
82. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 75. structure, 76. protein, 77. cocoon, 78. zombie, 79. grandeur, 80. suicide, 81. dolphins, 82. classic

83. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
84. The _____ bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.
n. a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
85. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
86. The river is known for its abundance of wild _____.
n. a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
87. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
88. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
89. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
90. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
91. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 83. deserved, 84. flamingo's, 85. rewards, 86. trout, 87. infect, 88. compressed, 89. motivation, 90. violent, 91. shift

92. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

93. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

- n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together

94. He had a special _____ for public relations

- n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects

95. He told me a _____ truth about my parent's death.

- n.* the long tube in the body of a person or animal through which food passes when it leaves the stomach; the mental strength or bravery required to do something difficult or unpleasant

96. The magician's illusions always managed to _____ the audience.

- v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

97. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

- v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

98. The company sent out a lengthy _____ to gather feedback from its customers.

- n.* a form or document containing a series of questions used for surveying or gathering information from a group of people, often used in research, marketing, or social science studies

99. He looked out the window at the _____ stream of people.

- adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

ANSWERS: 92. fiction, 93. phrase, 94. antenna, 95. gut-wrenching, 96. enthrall, 97. vary, 98. questionnaire, 99. endless

100. Some people are willing to pay a _____ for a rare and valuable collectible.
n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
101. He lost the election by _____ votes.
adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
102. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
103. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
104. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
105. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
106. The drug controls the level of _____ in the brain.
n. a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
107. The _____ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.
adj. dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
108. The parade featured a colorful _____ of floats, marching bands, and dancers.
n. a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display

ANSWERS: 100. premium, 101. mere, 102. conscious, 103. swarm, 104. nervous, 105. ultimate, 106. dopamine, 107. shadowy, 108. cavalcade

109. She glanced _____ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.
adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
110. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
111. I feel so _____ without you.
adj. unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
112. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
113. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.
v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
114. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
115. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
116. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 109. sideways, 110. specific, 111. helpless, 112. complicated, 113. swallowed, 114. bumped, 115. tales, 116. terrifying

117. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.

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

118. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.

- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

119. We want to _____ our company through your media.

- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

120. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

121. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

- adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

122. His _____ lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

- adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

123. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.

- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

124. The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous _____ in the shallow waters.

- n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together

ANSWERS: 117. butterfly, 118. hijack, 119. advertise, 120. sting, 121. exciting, 122. overt, 123. drown, 124. shoal

125. My son was _____ on the Internet.

adj. being caught or caught up in something; curved down like an eagle's beak

126. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

127. He could never go against what ____ Carlos said.

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

128. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

129. 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

130. The ____ from the trash can was unbearable, so I had to take it out.

n. a distinctive or unpleasant smell; a scent or aroma that can be sensed through the sense of smell

131. The group of politicians formed a _____ to try to control the party.

n. a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group

132. The detective found the suspect's story _____ and decided to investigate further.

adj. difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

ANSWERS: 125. hooked, 126. virus, 127. Don, 128. microscopic, 129. assumes, 130. odor, 131. cabal, 132. implausible

133. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

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

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

135. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

136. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.

n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

137. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

138. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

139. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

140. 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: 133. extreme, 134. defend, 135. drill, 136. neuron, 137. plot, 138. involves, 139. brain, 140. manipulate

141. The _____ scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

adj. causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

142. _____ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

143. Push the button and let the water _____ away.

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

144. She is a very _____ person who loves meeting new people.

adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

145. The paradox _____ most philosophers.

v. to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

146. The _____ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

147. He is familiar with _____ and biology.

n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

148. The rebels could _____ the government's plans by leaking classified information.

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

ANSWERS: 141. grisly, 142. Cockroaches, 143. drain, 144. sociable, 145. baffled, 146. emerald, 147. chemistry, 148. subvert

149. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

150. Her golden hair was _____ in China.

adj. visible or observable; likely to draw attention

151. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

152. She could not help watching the sad _____.

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

153. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

154. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

155. A deficiency in the _____ can lead to a medical condition.

n. a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction

156. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

ANSWERS: 149. typical, 150. conspicuous, 151. cluster, 152. spectacle, 153. transparent, 154. slightly, 155. enzyme, 156. unexpected

157. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
158. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
159. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
160. The caterpillar _____ into a butterfly during its life cycle.
- v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
161. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
162. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.
- n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
163. His _____ jokes made her angry.
- adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
164. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 157. argument, 158. Intelligent, 159. dystopias, 160. metamorphoses, 161. fungus, 162. mood, 163. crude, 164. release

165. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

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

166. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

167. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

- adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

168. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.

- n.* the dead body of a human being

169. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

170. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."

- n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

171. His _____ expertise in the field earned him the respect of his peers.

- adj.* recognized or admitted as being true or valid

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

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

ANSWERS: 165. accord, 166. streams, 167. fellow, 168. corpse, 169. independence, 170. nickname, 171. acknowledged, 172. argue

173. _____ help dispose of the food waste produced by humans.
n. a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
174. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
175. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
176. They are building an _____ to the house to add more bedrooms.
n. a thing that is added to something to make it longer, larger, or wider; an educational opportunity provided by colleges and universities to people who are not enrolled as regular students; an additional telephone set that is connected to the same telephone line
177. The doctor diagnosed the patient with _____ infection.
n. a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body
178. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring _____.
n. a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
179. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
180. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 173. Worms, 174. candidate's, 175. compelling, 176. extension, 177. tapeworm, 178. shrimp, 179. twisted, 180. origin

181. The _____ scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.

adj. gruesome, grisly; relating to death

182. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

183. How many _____ does the average lion have?

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

184. The detective found the clues _____ and couldn't solve the case immediately.

adj. confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

185. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

186. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

187. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

188. The _____ in the community grew as rumors spread about the upcoming changes.

n. a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation

ANSWERS: 181. macabre, 182. inject, 183. offspring, 184. puzzling, 185. reproduce, 186. destination, 187. abundance, 188. disquiet

189. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

- v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

190. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

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

191. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

192. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

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

193. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.

- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

194. Her research team made an important _____.

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

195. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.

- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

196. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a _____ feeling.

- adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

197. I _____ with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

- v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

ANSWERS: 189. hatch, 190. invite, 191. spot, 192. insects, 193. breeds, 194. discovery, 195. universal, 196. sinister, 197. sympathize

198. He is always _____ to the poor.
adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
199. The grieving widow found _____ in reading her late husband's letters.
n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
200. He _____ in the water when he realized he was too far from the shore.
v. to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
201. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
202. Climate behavior models are frequently _____.
adj. without any significant results or proof or decision
203. He set up a trap to catch the _____.
n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
204. She shouted with _____ in the front row.
n. the act of violently shaking one's head in rhythm with the music
205. The recipe called for a teaspoon of _____ to add flavor.
n. a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater

ANSWERS: 198. charitable, 199. solace, 200. thrashed, 201. siblings, 202. inconclusive, 203. rodent, 204. headbanging, 205. brine

206. 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

207. The sound of the _____ chirping filled the air on a warm summer evening.

n. leaping insect; a game played with a ball and bat by two teams of eleven players

208. 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

209. The _____ environment of the library was perfect for studying.

adj. calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity

210. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

211. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

212. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

213. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

ANSWERS: 206. desperately, 207. crickets, 208. biology, 209. sedate, 210. dots, 211. similarly, 212. diet, 213. precise

214. 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

215. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

216. His writing style was _____ with a clear and concise voice.

adj. having a quality or characteristic that makes it stand out from others

ANSWERS: 214. bodyguard, 215. cast, 216. distinctive,